

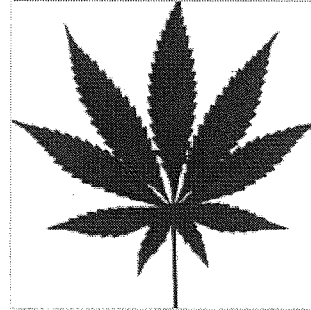
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Marijuana Action Alert

House passes HB 218 to decriminalize marijuana



House passes bill treating marijuana possession like speeding ticket

HB 218 would make possession of 15 grams of marijuana - or roughly half an ounce, the equivalent of about 30 joints - punishable by a fine of up to \$125. It also would create protocol for a driving under the influence of marijuana charge. **Offenders would have their records expunged of the possession offense after six months.**

Law enforcement groups also opposed the bill. Illinois Sheriffs' Association executive director Greg Sullivan said the threshold for a DUI is too high at 15 nanograms in the blood. Colorado, where marijuana is legal for recreational use, cites users for DUI at 5 nanograms. [Read more](#)

Roll Call Vote - See how your State Representative voted.

Illinois House Approves Bill to Extend Medical Marijuana Pilot Program

House Bill 3299 was approved 81 to 28 in a floor vote Tuesday. The bill would extend the expiration date of the state's medical marijuana pilot program, which was set to expire on January 1, 2018, by four years from the date of the first dispensary becoming operational. [Read more](#)

Gov. Bruce Rauner is opposed to extending the program. "The governor believes there is a lot of time left to evaluate a pilot program, and we should not extend the program until it has been fully evaluated," Rauner spokeswoman Catherine Kelly told the [Chicago Sun Times](#) last week.

Roll call vote - See how your State Representative voted.

Public Hearing - Medical Cannabis Advisory Board

The Illinois Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing to review petitions for those requesting additions to the list of debilitating conditions to the list of those who could obtain a card to use marijuana for the following medical conditions: Anorexia Nervosa (eating disorder), Anxiety, Chronic Post-Operative Pain, Diabetes, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Migraine, Neuropathy, Osteoarthritis, Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The hearing will be held in Chicago on Monday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Concourse Level Assembly Hall Auditorium at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact your State Representative. If he/she voted NO on HB 218 to decriminalize marijuana and HB 3299 to extend the dates for the medical marijuana pilot program, thank him/her for their vote to protect the public. If your Representative voted YES, tell him/her of your disappointment and let him/her know you oppose the decriminalization and expansion of marijuana as medicine.

Contact your State Senator and ask him/her to **Vote NO on HB 218 and HB 3299**.

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