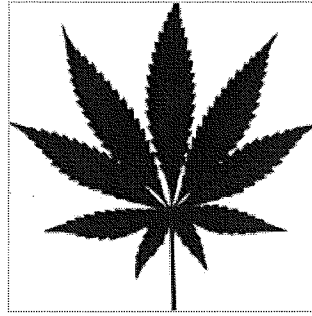
 Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems

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Marijuana Action Alert

SB 2228 to decriminalize marijuana will go to the Governor



Illinois Lawmakers Pass Marijuana Decriminalization Bill SB 2228

The House approved the measure, which previously passed the Senate, on a 64-50 vote. The bill would impose fines between \$100 and \$200 for possession of 10 grams or less of marijuana but no jail time.

The bill also sets a standard for what's considered too high to drive. A driver's blood would have to contain 5 nanograms of THC, marijuana's intoxicating chemical, within two hours of consumption to be considered impaired. [Read more](#)

Morning Spin: Rauner: Marijuana decriminalization bill about as important as the state pie
Gov. Bruce Rauner says he'll "probably" sign legislation decriminalizing pot possession in Illinois but **wouldn't commit for sure, saying he's been distracted by "more important issues" such as the state budget impasse.**

"We get caught up in what our state pie is going to be, and how much marijuana is going to get sold," Rauner said Thursday as he was pushing for passage of his "turnaround" legislative agenda at a Springfield steel fabrication plant. He noted that the General Assembly last year passed more than 500 bills, including one that designated pumpkin as the official state pie. [Read more](#)

Current law allows people with a medical marijuana card to legally possess marijuana. More people will use and abuse marijuana if this drug is decriminalized. A former Assistant State Attorney said **first time cannabis users don't go to jail or prison.** It almost always **takes at least 5 arrests for cannabis violations before jail or prison time is considered.** [Read more](#)

SB 228 will also impact public safety. Fatal road crashes involving marijuana doubled after Washington legalized the drug. [Read more](#)

Check to see how your [State Representative](#) voted on SB 2228

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Contact your [State Representative](#) to that him/her **for a NO vote on SB 2228** to decriminalize marijuana.

Call the [Governor](#) (1-800-642-3112) to **safeguard the public and VETO SB 2228.**

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