

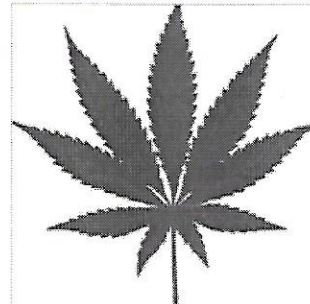


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Marijuana Alert Legislators work to legalize marijuana for recreational use



Gov. Rauner gets passing grade from pro-marijuana group

The National Organization to Reform Marijuana Laws (NORML) gave Rauner a B- in its latest report cards for governors. The group noted that Rauner signed two key pieces of legislation this year that changed the marijuana landscape in Illinois.

Senate Bill 10 expanded the state's "pilot" program three years and added post traumatic stress syndrome and terminal illness to the list of qualifying conditions. Senate Bill 2228 decriminalized the possession of 10 grams of cannabis, (approximately 25 "joints") to a fine of \$100 to \$200.

[Rep.] **Cassidy says she's now drafting legislation to allow marijuana to be taxed and regulated for recreational use.** [Read more](#)

Watch 60 Minutes

A segment about the impact of marijuana in Pueblo Colorado is a must [watch](#).
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-five-states-to-vote-on-recreational-pot>

Billionaires dominate marijuana legalization efforts

On November 8, five states will have ballot initiatives on whether to legalize marijuana for recreational purposes, while another four will vote on whether to allow marijuana for medical purposes. [Read who is funding these million dollar efforts.](#)

Lessons learned after four years of marijuana legalization

Colorado now leads the country in past-month marijuana use by youth, with Washington not much further behind. The laws have had significant negative impacts on public health and safety:

- * Rising rates of marijuana use by minors
- * Higher rates of marijuana-related traffic deaths
- * More marijuana-related poisonings and hospitalizations
- * A persistent black market [Read the full report](#) from SAM

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1. [Contact](#) Gov. Rauner to let him know you are OPPOSED to the legalization of marijuana. The negative impact on public health, safety, and children would far