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Marijuana Alert - January 24, 2018



Gubernatorial Candidate positions on Legalization of Marijuana

As state legislators consider whether Illinois should be the next state to legalize marijuana for recreational use, they most likely would need a governor who supports the idea.

[Read the views of the candidates running for governor in the upcoming Primary election.](#)

Selle: Illinois going to pot to puff up state's financial mess

... vices have been taxed to the utmost, and the once-proud Land of Lincoln continues to remain billions of dollars in debt.

Let us stroll down memory lane and hear our political leaders tell us the Illinois Lottery was going to bail out education. Can you still hear the siren song of those lawmakers who promised "riverboat" casino gaming was the panacea for our financial woes? Or, how about video gaming, which has turned nearly every bar into a mini-casino?

... So far, **we're not doing well with the above as revenue sources** because we pay some of the highest income and property taxes in the United States. But, **the cannabis-oil salesmen in Springfield now tell us marijuana, which has been decriminalized in Illinois, will get us out of the hole they've dug.** [Read more](#)

Marijuana hearing

The joint hearing on marijuana legalization and public health was held in Chicago on Monday, January 22. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle directed the focus away from public health and cited a racial disparity in enforcement of marijuana laws as the reason she now favors legalization of the drug, according to news reports.

However, a speaker at the hearing from Colorado said legalization of marijuana has increased social disparities in the state.

"According to the Colorado Department of Public Safety, from March 2016, arrests related to marijuana decreased eight percent among white youth, increased by 29 percent among Hispanic youth, and increased 58 percent among black youth," he said. [Read more](#)

A new bill to legalize marijuana [could be introduced](#) in February.

14 Humboldt Park Elementary students hospitalized after eating laced candy
A mother of a sickened child, who did not want her name used, said the doctor told her **the candy was laced with marijuana.** "They called me and told me my son had taken some kind of edibles," the mother said. [Read more](#)

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