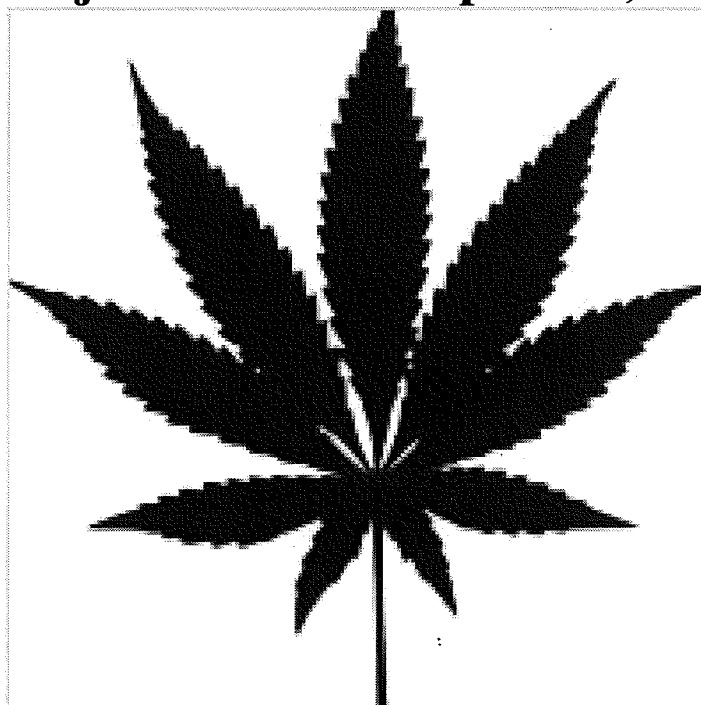


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Marijuana Alert - April 20, 2018



Group estimates legalizing marijuana will cost Illinois \$670 million a year

Smart Approaches to Marijuana, in collaboration with Healthy & Productive Illinois, concluded in a report that **drugged driving, as well as greater levels of workplace injury and absenteeism, would be the biggest contributors to the estimated cost.** [Read more](#)

The estimate contradicts the projections of pro-legalization lawmakers, who say allowing recreational use of the drug could bring in revenues of between \$350 million and \$700 million. [Read more](#)

Is Illinois ready for a potential influx of stoned drivers?

Unlike alcohol, there is no definitive test like a Breathalyzer that can indicate whether someone is driving under the influence of marijuana or other drugs. [Read more](#)

People who use Medical Marijuana More Likely to Use and Misuse Prescription Drugs

A new study finds that people who use medical marijuana actually have higher rates of medical and non-medical prescription drug use-including pain relievers. The [study](#).

appears in the Journal of Addiction Medicine.

Currently, those using medical marijuana in Illinois, are doing so at their own risk. There is no recommended dosage, no prescription, no required labeling for amount of THC. New drugs are being tested, and the FDA has given approval for the first cannabidiol medicine - to treat rare and severe forms of epilepsy. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Contact** your State [Representative](#) and [Senator](#) to tell them the COSTS of legalizing marijuana are too high. Illinois has decriminalized marijuana and legalized marijuana for medical purposes. Ask Legislators to OPPOSE the legalization of marijuana for anyone 21 and older.
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