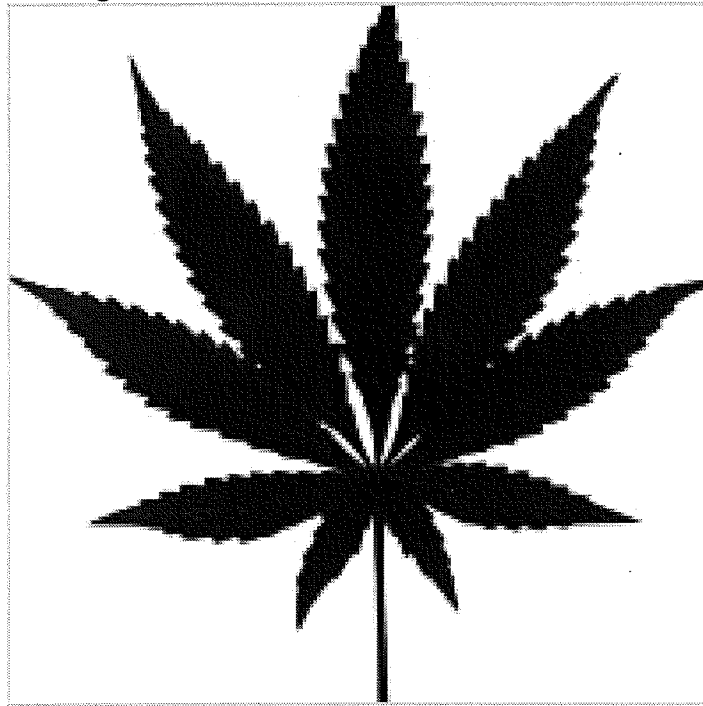


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Marijuana Alert - June 7, 2018



Call the Governor to VETO SB 336 - Largest Expansion of Marijuana

SB 336 would allow the use of marijuana for ANY medical condition for which an OPIOID HAS BEEN OR COULD BE PRESCRIBED by a physician.

SB 336 allows those with a provisional registration to obtain **2.5 ounces of cannabis during a 14 day period, which equates to 183 joints.** They could also get an additional 2.5 ounces every two weeks, unless the application is denied prior to the 90 days. **Those under the age of 18 can get provisional registration** with written certification from a physician and a reviewing physician.

Marijuana use is associated with an increased risk of prescription opioid misuse and use disorders, according to a study conducted by researchers at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

The governor's office hasn't said if Rauner will sign SB 336

Should SB 336 become law, patients will be able to obtain a physician's certification that **they have a condition for which an opioid could be prescribed.** Patients could

then take that to a dispensary to get medical cannabis for [90 days] . . . on a provisional basis while their application is processed.

It could pave the way for the largest expansion of medical marijuana use that Illinois has seen since starting the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program in 2014. About 37,000 people are enrolled in the pilot program. By comparison, **2.3 million Illinoisans were prescribed opioids in 2017**, according to the state's Prescription Monitoring Program. **SB 336 would allow Illinois residents older than 21 who are prescribed opioids to enroll, meaning many of those 2.3 million patients would become eligible.** [Read more](#)

Report: Nearly 60% of drug-tested drivers killed in U.S. used pot or opioids Close to two-thirds of the drivers who were killed in highway crashes and tested for drugs afterward **had opioids, marijuana or some combination of the two in their bodies**, according to a new report on driving drugged in the United States. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

1. **Contact the Governor and ask him to VETO SB 336.**
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3. **Forward to 10 others.**

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