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Marijuana Alert - June 20, 2018

Call the Governor to VETO SB 336



Senate Bill 336 would allow the use of marijuana for ANY medical condition for which an opioid has been or could be prescribed by a physician. The bill passed in both the House and Senate, but has not been sent to the Governor. The issue is in the media, and **the Governor needs to hear from YOU.**

Aaron Weiner, director of addiction services at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health in Naperville, Ill., says the new policy amounts to replacing one addictive substance with another. "People are prescribed opioids inappropriately all the time," he says. "That doesn't mean they should be smoking pot." [Read more](#)

If approved, the legislation would increase enrollment in the [medical marijuana] program-currently serving 38,000 patients-by eightfold or more, based on estimates. [Read more](#)

Yes, You Can Become Addicted to Marijuana. And the Problem is Growing. The percentage of people who become addicted to marijuana - about **9 percent of all users, and about 17 percent of those who start in adolescence** - also has been

stable.

. . . Unlike opioids and stimulants, **marijuana dependence tends to develop slowly**: Months or years may pass before debilitating symptoms begin to negatively affect the average dependent user's life. . . . According to Nora Volkow, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, an **estimated 2.7 million Americans meet the diagnostic criteria for marijuana dependence, second only to alcohol dependence**. [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

Contact Governor Rauner and ask him to **VETO SB 336** to legalize marijuana for millions of Illinois residents and make the drug more accessible. The unintended consequences could harm children (woman arrested for giving marijuana to 9 year old she was babysitting) **Call: 217-782-6830, 312-814-2121**

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