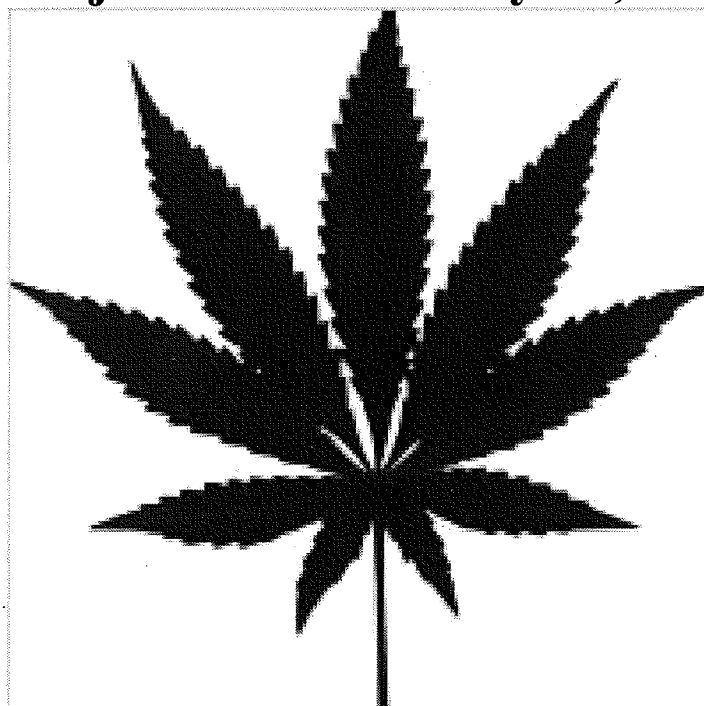


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## Marijuana Alert - July 20, 2018



**Watch this powerful documentary** about the problems of legalizing marijuana, [Chronic State](#)

### **Taxing vices - Caution IL Legislators against looking to marijuana for revenue**

Legalizing recreational marijuana is a prime example of this, where yes, the state can expect to see some additional revenue, but **that's also balanced against the cost associated with that activity.**"

Taxes on gambling, cigarettes, alcohol and marijuana **may give states a short-term boost, but they're too unstable to rely on for money to pay for schools, prisons and other priorities**, according to the report by Pew and the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government. [Read more](#)

### **Study: States that legalized marijuana have higher rates of mental illness**

For the past 20 years, scientific studies have warned that heavy marijuana use can lead to schizophrenic episodes and psychotic disorders.

Now, in the first study of its kind, RTI International in Research Triangle Park suggests marijuana may carry other risks as well. [Read more](#)

## Marijuana and Pain

Cannabis use was common in people with chronic non-cancer pain who had been prescribed opioids, but we found no evidence that cannabis use improved patient outcomes. **People who used cannabis had greater pain** and lower self-efficacy in managing pain, and there was **no evidence that cannabis use reduced pain severity or interference or exerted an opioid-sparing effect.** [Read more](#)

## Alcohol and pot join forces

The Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America, one of the nation's biggest alcohol trade associations has thrown its support behind the legalization of marijuana. [Read more](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

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