



Marijuana Alert - August 28, 2018



Rauner signs medical marijuana expansion bill into law

Governor Rauner waited until the final day to sign SB 336 into law, making marijuana accessible for any medical condition for which an opioid has been or could be prescribed by a physician.

SB 336 will allow people to complete an application online and obtain a provisional registration to buy medical marijuana for 90 days while their application is processed or rejected.

The Chicago Tribune reported:

Kevin Sabet, president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, raised concerns about the expansion of medical marijuana, warning that it could lead to more addiction, more drivers who are under the influence and more users suffering from the drug's harmful effects on attention, memory, decision-making and brain development.

"From a scientific perspective, it makes no sense," Sabet said. "The most comprehensive study on the issue was just published in The Lancet and found marijuana didn't help with pain, nor did it reduce opioid use."

"From a political perspective," Sabet added, "it likely signals he feels pressure from J.B. Pritzker, who has welcomed pot with open arms." [Read more](#)

America's Invisible Pot Addicts

Public-health experts worry about the increasingly potent options available, and the striking number of constant users. "Cannabis is potentially a real public-health problem," said Mark A. R. Kleiman, a professor of public policy at New York University. [Read more](#)

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