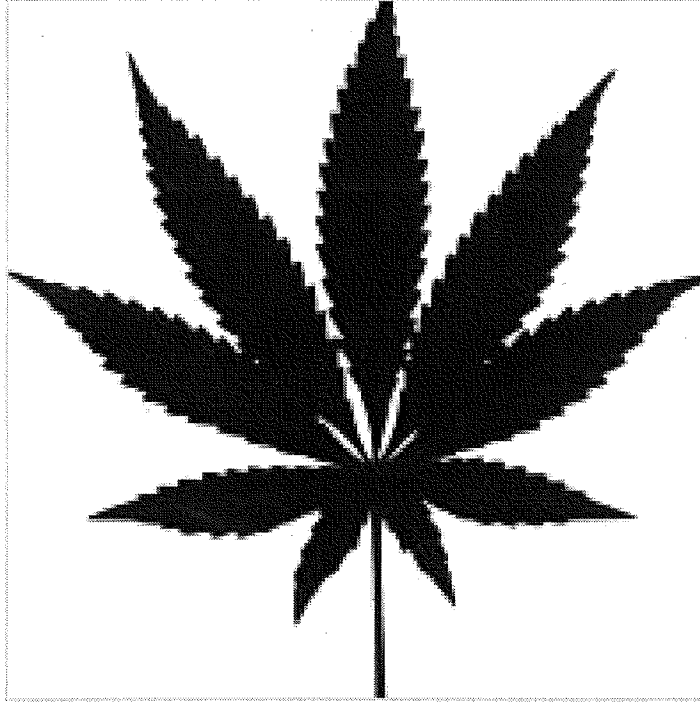




Marijuana Alert - December 12, 2018



Governor-elect JB Pritzker says he's already been working out the details with legislators. "There's an opportunity for us to be the first state in the Midwest to make it available, and so I think the legislature should get at it," Pritzker says.

Mayor Emanuel wants to legalize marijuana

The mayor will propose that any tax money the city receives from the legalization of "recreational" marijuana be dedicated entirely to pensions. [Read more](#)

McHenry Co. state's attorney asks lawmakers to vote against marijuana legalization

There is no standardized or scientific test to determine whether a person is "under the influence" of marijuana. "Short of an admission of guilt, law enforcement, in many cases, will be left with little evidence of THC impairment by which to hold the impaired driver accountable and provide justice on behalf of victims," Kenneally said

Of the people McHenry County sent to prison for drug offenses in 2017, **only 4.3 percent were there for marijuana-related crime.** [Read more](#)

HB2367 expunges past marijuana convictions involving 10 grams or less

This is just the first step--see the article below. HB 2367 passed in the House after the election and could be called for a vote when the Veto Session resumes on Jan. 7 and 8,

when "Lame duck" legislators are still in office. [Read more](#)

What happens to pot convictions if Illinois legalizes marijuana?

Senator Steans, sponsor of the marijuana bill, said they also **want to release from prison and expunge records from the past for small level marijuana dealing up to Class 4 felonies.** "If you have a background with cannabis possession, you can't work in the industry. We also want to change that. . . . if they can't get their record expunged, they can still get employed, if the employer wants to hire them, in [the] cannabis industry." [Read more](#) **Note: Class 4 felonies include some drug possession (30 grams but less than 500 grams of marijuana.**

Study: Vaping marijuana

Johns Hopkins Medicine researchers have shown that, compared with smoking cannabis, **vaping it increased the rate of short-term anxiety, paranoia, memory loss and distraction** in infrequent users.

. . . The researchers note that **they could only detect THC in the blood samples up to four hours after using, even though the participants reported the drug's effects lasted five or six hours.** The researchers say this suggests that blood testing isn't an accurate way to tell if someone is high or perhaps driving under the influence. [Read more](#)

A man suffering from "cannabis use disorder" and other psychotic problems has been committed to a treatment center after going on a drug-crazed rampage during the annual Rainbow Gathering in Superior National Forest, where he allegedly raped a woman, bit off part of a man's finger and attacked a sheriff's deputy. [Read more](#)

IN ILLINOIS: More than half the people who need mental health services don't get it. And those who do get treatment, often only get it in jail or prison.

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your [State Senator](#) and ask him/her to vote NO on HB2367 and on legislation to legalize marijuana in Illinois.
2. Contact newly-elected Legislators in your district to congratulate them on winning the election and ask them to oppose the legalization of marijuana.
3. Share this Alert with your faith community.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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