



Marijuana Alert - Feb. 8, 2019



Bill to legalize marijuana in Illinois

The *Chicago Tribune* ran a front page article about House Bill 902, sponsored by Rep. Carol Ammons. While this bill is likely to go further than some legislators prefer, it has started the debate about legalizing "recreational" marijuana use and will give you an idea of what is being proposed.

Rep. Kelly Cassidy and Sen. Heather Steans, who have been working on this issue for two years, are negotiating with various parties and plan to introduce a bill by April, according to the *Tribune*. [Read more](#)

U. S. Senator Durbin urges caution

Sen. Dick Durbin doesn't think Illinois should rush into making recreational use of marijuana legal. He recommended an article by Malcolm Gladwell in *The New Yorker* entitled, [Is Marijuana as Safe as We Think?](#) [Read more](#)

Illinois Catholic Bishops issue statement against marijuana legalization

As lawmakers consider this issue, it is important to remember they are not only debating legalization of marijuana, but also commercialization of a drug into an industry the state will profit from. In seeking the common good, the state should protect its citizens.

We ask lawmakers to say "no" to legalization of marijuana, as Pope Francis explained in 2014 when speaking about marijuana and other recreational drugs. [Read more](#)

Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence

This article is adapted from a speech delivered by Alex Berenson, author of *Tell Your Children: The Truth About Marijuana, Mental Illness, and Violence* delivered at Hillsdale College.

Marijuana, Cocaine may play role in young American's rising STROKE rate from the American Heart Association [Read more](#)

For Immediate Action

Legislators are being contacted by many interest groups that support the legalization of marijuana. They need to hear from you, their constituents NOW.

1. Call your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to Oppose and Vote NO on the legalization of marijuana.
2. Legislators plan to hold [Town Hall Meetings](#). Watch your local news to see if a Town Hall meeting will be held near you. Plan to attend and ask questions.
Resource: [Marijuana is NOT a Harmless Drug](#)
3. Share this Alert with your faith community.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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