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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol &amp; Addiction Problems

## Marijuana Alert - March 22, 2019



**Senate Bill 7** was postponed in committee this week, but could be amended any time with the language to **legalize and commercialize marijuana for anyone 21 and older**. The Senate Executive Committee will meet again on March 27.

**Majority of Illinois House members sign on as co-sponsors of resolution (HR 157) to slow process of legalizing marijuana** [Read more](#)

**Marijuana banking bill clears Senate Committee (SB 2023)**

The bill would prevent state banks regulators from punishing banks or credit unions that do business with the state's medical marijuana businesses. However, those financial institutions would still be at risk of being prosecuted under federal law. [Read more](#)

**Lawmakers want to make medical cannabis pilot program permanent (HB 895)**

HB 895 also expands the list of "debilitating medical conditions" to include chronic pain, migraines, autism, neuropathy, osteoarthritis, or a medical condition or symptom that may benefit from the use of medical cannabis.

Currently only physicians can certify patients for cannabis use, but Morgan is also looking to include other medical professionals. [Read more](#)

### Stop ignoring the brutal downside of legal pot

Legalization delivers what politicians want most - money and power. They're salivating over the tax revenue and the authority to dole out licenses to growers and retailers.

... **Adolescent pot users have trouble in school because they suffer memory impairment, loss of learning ability and reasoning skills and possibly a permanent decline in IQ**, the institute reports. No wonder it's called "dope."

Marijuana damages the hippocampus area of the brain, which impacts memory. Scientists who tracked nearly 4,000 young adults into their 40s confirmed that marijuana use does lasting damage to memory, according to research in the Journal of the American Medical Association published in 2016.

**Chronic teen marijuana users have dismal futures**, reports the American Public Health Association. They **stop their education sooner, are less likely to have full-time jobs as adults and have lower socio-economic potential**. The politicians pushing legalization are mum about that. [Read more](#)

### Daily Marijuana Use and Highly Potent Weed Linked To Psychosis

Several past studies have found that more frequent use of pot is associated with a higher risk of psychosis - that is, when someone loses touch with reality.

... The study found that those who **used pot daily were three times more likely to have a psychotic episode** compared with someone who never used the drug.

Those who **started using cannabis at 15 or younger** had a slightly more elevated risk than those who started using in later years.

**Use of high-potency weed almost doubled the odds of having psychosis** compared with someone who had never smoked weed, explains Di Forti.

And for those who **used high-potency pot on a daily basis**, the risk of psychosis was even greater - **four times greater** than those who had never used. [Read more](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

1. Call your [State Representative](#) and ask him/her to oppose HB 895. After Colorado legalized marijuana, more people signed up for the medical marijuana program because taxes were lower and the cost of marijuana was cheaper.
2. Call your [State Senator](#) and ask for a NO vote on SB 2023 and SB 7. Share information in this alert about the harm of legalization .
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4. Forward to 10 others.

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