

**ILCAAAP**

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol &amp; Addiction Problems

## Marijuana Alert - April 1, 2019



Federal marijuana banking bill headed to full U.S. House  
Legislation that would provide federal protection for financial institutions to handle money from marijuana businesses and loan money to marijuana businesses passed out of the a U.S. House committee last Thursday.

Banks generally balk at servicing the marijuana industry for fear it could expose them to legal trouble from the federal government, which still considers marijuana illegal. This bill would make it easier for marijuana companies to operate nationwide. [Read more](#)

**SB 2023, to allow Illinois banks to handle marijuana money, could be called for a vote in the Senate this week. SB 2023 would make it easier for companies to expand and commercialize marijuana in Illinois.**

### **Marijuana ER visits climb in Denver hospital**

Emergency room records from Monte's hospital show a **three-fold increase in marijuana cases since the state became the first to allow sales of recreational marijuana.**

. . . The analysis confirmed edibles are trouble. Statewide, they made up less than 1 percent of total cannabis sales, measured by THC content. Yet **11 percent of ER visits**

### were triggered by edibles.

Monte said edibles are too dangerous to be part of the recreational marketplace. . . . Three deaths in Colorado tied to edible products also prompted the study. [Read more](#)

### Mysterious syndrome makes marijuana users violently ill

Of the weed-related visits, 31% were stomach-related, making stomach issues the leading cause of all ER trips for cannabis. And of the stomach-related cannabis visits, CHS emerged as the most common adverse event and the main driver of hospital admissions. [Read more](#)

### Cannabis During Pregnancy Bumps Psychosis Risk in Offspring

With marijuana use rising among pregnant women, new study raises concerns "Our research shows that **prenatal marijuana exposure after maternal knowledge of pregnancy is associated with a small increase in psychosis proneness during middle childhood or about age 10,**" said Jeremy Fine, an undergraduate majoring in psychological & brain sciences in Arts & Sciences at Washington University and the study's lead author.

The findings come on the heels of **several national studies documenting a dramatic increase in marijuana usage by pregnant women**, including a 2018 study from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis that found past-month marijuana use among pregnant mothers in the United States increased by 75 percent between 2002 (2.85 percent) and 2016 (4.98 percent).

As more states legalize medicinal and recreational use of cannabis, other reports suggest that **many marijuana dispensaries commonly suggest cannabis as a natural cure for pregnancy related nausea.** [Read more](#)

NOTE: It took decades before women were finally warned about the impact of drinking alcohol while pregnant on the brain development and behavior of children.

### Study: Impact of secondhand marijuana smoking and children

Marijuana metabolites are detectable in young children with exposure to secondhand marijuana smoke. **These children are exposed to the psychoactive compounds in marijuana, and are potentially at risk for negative health effects.** More than half of children with tobacco smoke exposure were also exposed to marijuana. [Read more](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

1. **Call the U. S. Capitol switchboard (202-224-3121)** and ask to speak with your [U. S. Representative](#). Ask him/her to OPPOSE HR1595
2. Call your [State Senator](#) and ask him/her to vote NO on SB 2023. Share some of the information about the harmful impact of legalization and Commercialization of Marijuana
3. **Come to the State Capitol on Wednesday, April 10**, from 10:00 to 2:00 for ILCAAAP's Lobby Day to talk to Legislators and ask them to OPPOSE the legalization and commercialization of marijuana.
4. Forward to 10 others.

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