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IL Pot Shop Lotteries finished, but Licenses Remain in Limbo

The dispensary licensing process has long been mired in controversy and hampered by litigation. During Monday's hearing, lawyers from the Illinois attorney general's office pushed to resolve related issues during the administrative review process. [Look at the list of clouted winners.](#)

Those who lost shot at licenses want investigation of lottery winners with political connections

Many of the winners had connections to large, multistate operators who submitted multiple applications, at a cost of \$5,000 each.

. . . "This entire process smells of clout, collusion, political ties and ties to big cannabis," Chavis said. He called for the state to review operating agreements to ferret out any fraudulent ownership.

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Bill targets how employers deal with POT

Nearly 55,000 workplace drug policy violations were reported last year to the US Department of Transportation alone. The pace of violations increased by 17% from June last year to the same month this year.

The drug remains federally prohibited, and its use is not allowed by anyone with a commercial driver's license or under certain federal contracts.

Rep. Bob Morgan is trying to change state law to prohibit workers in Illinois from getting fired solely for a low-level positive result on a marijuana test. (HB 4116)

The controversy comes as employers like Amazon and Cook County Public Defender's office are dropping marijuana abstinence as a requirement for some jobs. [Read more](#)

HB 4116 Provides that an employer may not refuse to hire an individual or discipline an employee because results of an individual's drug test indicate the presence of THC on the part of that individual. . . . provides that an employer may not take adverse action against an employee solely because of a positive drug test for cannabis unless the test result exceeds limits set forth in certain DUI provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code. (Anyone with THC level of 5 nanograms or more per millimeter of blood can be charged with a DUI.)

Roselle repeals marijuana ban

Trustee Wayne Domke was the sole "no" vote on Monday. He said the board did not have sufficient information because of low turnout for the referendums and lack of input from other Roselle businesses. "The fact that a nonbinding referendum is treated like a binding referendum is a little concerning," Domke said. "We are consequently not making quality-driven decisions." [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to OPPOSE HB 4116 to allow workers to use marijuana. Unlike alcohol, there is [no test to measure impairment](#).
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