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## Marijuana Alert - August 4, 2021



### **53 pot shop lottery winners announced--some new players, some with deep ties to existing industry**

Though new players like Hendon and Norment are now getting a chance to profit, other winning teams include some of the first people in Illinois to cash in on legal cannabis. What's more, a handful of out-of-state pot firms also scored licenses.

A list of the license winners can be found [here](#). [Read](#)

### **[Former Sen. Rickey Hendon gets dispensary license](#)**

#### **Marijuana lottery winners face repeated delays**

A Cook County judge issued an emergency order that allowed Illinois to go forward with the lottery, but restricted the state from awarding licenses to the winners. On Aug. 9, a group of dispensary applicants will argue in court that the veteran's bonus points tallied in the application scoring process creates a special class of applicants, which is illegal under the Illinois constitution.

"The people that were negatively impacted by marijuana that they have an advantage, and ***so the industry still doesn't reflect that but it is moving and trending in that direction,***" [Rep. LaShawn] Ford said. "***You gotta start somewhere.***" [Read](#)

#### **Marijuana companies, legislation to expand craft grows**

Grown In reported that **77% of legal recreational cannabis shipped in Illinois this March was produced by just six MSOs** — Verano Holdings' Ataraxia, Cresco Labs, Green Thumb Industries, Ascend Holdings, PharmaCann and Revolution Global. . . . The state also recently awarded licenses to 40 craft growers, 32 infusers and 141 transporters. A key factor in growers' success will be

the size of their facilities, which initially are limited to 5,000 square feet of flowering plants.

New legislation sponsored by state Rep. La Shawn Ford would **increase that limit** to 14,000 immediately, while others like Hendon are calling for a 100,000-square-foot ceiling. The size of the facility relates directly to revenue, and so becomes equity that businesses can use to leverage loans. In addition, there is a proposal to require that growers provide oil for infusers to put into edibles and other products. [Read more](#)

### **Wilmette to allow recreational marijuana sales**

Wilmette's Village Board voted 5-2 during its meeting Tuesday, July 27, to allow staff to prepare an ordinance allowing cannabis sales at Edens Plaza at the northwest corner of Skokie Boulevard and Lake Avenue. Village President Senta Plunkett and trustee Daniel Sullivan voted against the motion. [Read](#)

### **Second-hand marijuana smoke exposure associated with respiratory infections in children**

Children whose parents regularly smoke or vape marijuana may experience viral respiratory infections, such as the common cold, more frequently than those whose parents do not smoke, according to a study published in the journal Pediatric Research. [Read](#)

### *For Immediate Action*

1. Forward this Alert to your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to Oppose expanding Craft Grow operations (HB 4097).
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