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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

## Marijuana Alert - December 7, 2021



### **Federal Marijuana Legislation – Call U. S. Legislators**

The SAFE Banking Act ([H. R. 1996](#))— a bill to allow the pot industry

access to the U.S. financial system and billions of dollars in institutional investment similar to Tobacco, Alcohol, and Pharmaceutical companies — has been attached to a must-pass military spending bill known as the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by members of the U. S. House of Representatives.

The inclusion of the SAFE Banking Act in the Senate version of the NDAA could be decided this week. U. S. Senator Tammy Duckworth is a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services. Call Sen. Duckworth TODAY (202) 224-2854)

### **Windy City Smoke Up--get stoned, sell unregulated weed**

Dozens of attendees paid \$55 to \$108 just to get into the Windy City Smoke Up.

Eva Hernandez started Crybaby Sweets four years ago and now churns out pot-infused products she markets online, delivers herself and has sold at similar events. At \$10 a pop, her infused brownies, cake truffles and drinks are far cheaper than similar offerings at licensed Illinois pot shops. And while her business remains underground, Hernandez said legalization has made her less fearful of unwanted attention. [Read more](#)

### **Weed lounges are coming to a city near you**

He hopes that the regulations will allow businesses to have outdoor consumption areas. . . . But some Vegas weed advocates are dreaming much bigger. Segerblom envisions a day when people can toked up in a Pilates class or massage studios, or even puff on a joint while getting a haircut. “**Lounges are just the first step,**” he said. [Read](#)

**Marijuana To Fentanyl Pipeline Continues . . . Until**

## **Death**

An obituary of a young man from Illinois who died in October appeared in a local paper. Beloved to his family and friends, the tribute reads: “He was passionate about cannabis.”

The announcement said he was in recovery but died of heroin laced with fentanyl. Marijuana is often the “relapse drug” for those addicted to opioids, as well as the gateway. [Read more](#)

## **Costly toll of dead-end drug arrests (Sun-Times/BGA report)**

Roti said weaker drug laws — like one being contemplated in Illinois that would make possession of three grams of heroin or less a misdemeanor — would benefit drug dealers and make it harder for officers to tackle citizen complaints about drug dealing.

... “No person with a substance-abuse disorder walks around with three grams of opioids in their pocket.” Three grams of heroin is equivalent to 30 “dime bags” sold on the street, Roti said.

... Ruddell is an architect of a bill ([HB 3447](#)) that would go even further, making possession of under three grams of heroin or methamphetamine and under five grams of cocaine a misdemeanor.

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## **Oregon 1st state to ticket drug users – reform have not lived up to promise**

- Led to about 1,300 tickets for low-level drug possession but a low number of calls to a state hotline to get a substance-use assessment during the first half of 2021.
- Takes money away from traditional drug courts in which criminal defendants are compelled to enter a treatment program.
- Won approval on a “false premise” that people no longer would be sent to prison for user amounts. They weren’t getting prison time before the new law passed, critics say.
- Set too low a ceiling for the drug amounts that qualify for a ticket rather than an arrest. Some users say they often carry more drugs than the new law decriminalizes. [Read more](#)

## **DuPage-Kane task force make arrest--drugs in secret compartments in vehicle**

The compartments contained 6.27 pounds of cocaine, 170.51 grams of crack cocaine, 37.23 grams of fentanyl and 1.49 pounds of marijuana, along with \$5,000 in cash, officials said. [Read more](#)

## **Oklahoma Cafeteria Worker Charged For Giving POT Cookies To Teachers At Elementary School [Read](#)**

### *For Immediate Action*

- **Call Sen. Tammy Duckworth (202) 224-2854** and ask her to remove any amendment for marijuana banking (H. R. 1996) from the National Defense Authorization Act.
- [Contact Sen. Dick Durbin](#) to OPPOSE H. R. 1996.
- Call [IL Senator](#) and ask him/her to oppose HB 3447.
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