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Marijuana Alert - January 13, 2022



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The General Assembly canceled the session this week and next week. However, Legislators will meet virtually for committee hearings.

The chair of the Senate Executive Committee filed [SB 3105](#) to **more than double the size of Craft Grow operations** from 5,000 to 14,000 square feet. **SB 3105 would allow dispensaries to offer curbside or drive-through pickup**, and removes the requirement that craft growers not be within 1,500 feet of a cultivation center or another craft grower.

[HB312](#) would legalize delivery of marijuana anywhere--homes, businesses, etc. Carjacking of marijuana delivery drivers is happening in other states. [Read](#)

After Cannabis Legalization, More THC Detected in Injured Drivers

The findings of this study "raise the possibility that, in addition to more persons using cannabis after legalization, people who do use it are more likely than before legalization to drive afterward," they wrote. "This troubling increase occurred despite the simultaneous introduction of traffic laws designed to deter cannabis-impaired driving." [Read](#)

Letter - IL citizens will rue the day recreational marijuana became legal

The consequences of the new law will lead to the following:

- The result of ingesting marijuana smoke into the lungs will cause

health issues and burden the health industry just like cigarettes.
The young are especially vulnerable.

- The enforcement of laws dealing with marijuana will be an added burden on law enforcement that already has its hands full with gang violence.
- Traffic accidents and fatalities will increase due to driving under the influence.

Those thinking of the profits to be made from this harmful substance should have considered the long-range cost and harm inflicted on society. [Read](#)

An increase in adolescent cannabis vaping is reported

A meta-analysis of 17 studies involving nearly 200,000 adolescents in the US and Canada finds that **vaping marijuana doubled among teens, from 6.1 percent in 2013 to 13.6 percent in 2020 (lifetime use), while past-month use rose 7-fold, from 1.6 percent to 8.4 percent during the same time.**

Teens do not perceive vaping marijuana to be risky, but the researchers say that typical **THC concentrations in marijuana vape oils are about 70 percent, while plant material that is smoked has average THC levels of 21 percent.** [Read](#)

Editorial: Billboards advertising pot broke Prop. 64's promise. Don't go back on the pledge to protect teens.

Noting that teens who frequently see marijuana billboards and storefront ads are seven times more likely to use the drug weekly and six times more likely to have symptoms of a marijuana use disorder, the Los Angeles Times published an editorial January 2 admonishing state leaders for capitulating to the marijuana industry and allowing billboard advertising throughout the state. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

- Contact your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to oppose [HB110](#), [HB 144](#), [HB312](#), [HB 715](#), [SB3105](#). These Bills will make drugs more accessible and will increase drug use and addiction.
- Share this Alert with your faith community.
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