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Marijuana Alert - July 7, 2021



IL allows medical cannabis patients to buy from any dispensary after computer glitch disrupts service

Responding to a software snafu that kept some patients from buying medical cannabis, the State alerted dispensaries to sell to any registered patient, rather than following the legal limit of one dispensary per patient.

The one-store policy was meant to prevent patients from buying more than the maximum allowed amount of cannabis at one time. Legislation expected to be signed by the governor would end the one-dispensary limit. . . . Patients can buy from recreational stores but would have to pay, in some cases, around 30% more in taxes. Read

“Colorado Experiment”: Legalized Marijuana’s Impact

This month’s legislative news was accompanied by an account in the [Denver Post](#) of yet another black market and money-laundering operation being taken down. The operation involved millions of dollars of illegal marijuana and twenty-one individuals funneling the money to China. Mexican and Colombian cartels, as well as gangs from [Cuba](#) and Russia, have also been [implicated](#) in multiple similar transnational criminal schemes in Colorado and nationwide. Read

Marijuana joints produce 3.5 times as much secondhand smoke as a Marlboro

The joints were the most polluting — 3.5 times that of a Marlboro (figure above), with the other cannabis products producing as much or more pollution than the cigarette.

. . . These results have important implications for including cannabis products in clean indoor air laws, including smokefree multiunit housing, because they are such strong pollution sources. Read

Opinion: Our Patchwork of Marijuana Laws is Unsustainable

But drug policy continues to lie with Congress and the federal government. And while we may see a bill to legalize marijuana soon, **there are not enough votes in the Senate to pass it.**

We may indeed need to reimagine drug policy—from the state to the federal level—but **we shouldn't think our only alternative is blanket legalization, a policy that would consign millions to addiction and hurt America's ability to sustain public health and safety.** [Read](#)

Illinois rakes in \$369.7 million in cannabis taxes

State law splits that tax revenue in several ways. More than a third of the revenue goes to the state's general revenue fund. Ten percent goes to the state's backlog of unpaid bills. Eight percent goes to law enforcement and two percent goes to cannabis public safety campaigns. A quarter of every cannabis tax dollar collected goes to the R3 program by law. [Read](#)

Sha'Carri Richardson, a Track Sensation, Tests Positive for Marijuana

Richardson, a gold-medal favorite in the women's 100 meters, was suspended for a month, putting in doubt an appearance at the Tokyo Olympics.

Marijuana is banned only during in-competition periods, which are defined as beginning at 11:59 p.m. on the day before a competition and ending at its conclusion. Athletes may have up to 150 nanograms per milliliter of THC, the main psychoactive substance in marijuana, without causing a positive test.

[According to USADA](#), marijuana is a prohibited substance because it can enhance performance, it poses a health risk to athletes and its use violates the spirit of the sport. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

1. Contact your State [Representative](#) and [Senator](#) in their District office or talk with them at a summer event. Ask them to OPPOSE more dispensaries/craft grow operations, on-site consumption, and home delivery of marijuana.
2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
3. **Forward to 10 others.**

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