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Illinois to simplify applications for recreational marijuana store licenses

License applications for recreational marijuana retail stores will be greatly simplified, Illinois officials announced Tuesday. The new application will be a simple online form covering basics such as the name of the organization, principal officers, contact information, and a \$250 fee. All applicants who submit an approved application would participate in a lottery for 55 new licenses sometime this year. Also, for the first time, applicants will be required to qualify as a “social equity” applicant, rather than just getting a bonus in the scoring of their applications [Read](#)

U. of C. studies addiction treatment

Genetically altered skin grafts showing promise

Scientists at the University of Chicago have come up with an intriguing potential treatment to combat cocaine and alcohol addictions — a skin graft genetically altered to release molecules that curb the craving for those substances. The treatment has been shown to work in mice, and the researchers hope to begin human trials next year. If it proves itself there, it would be a valuable addition to a growing but still inadequate arsenal of addiction treatments, observers said. “I think it would be wonderful to have more tools in our tool chest,” said Dr. Alta DeRoo, chief medical officer of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. “We’ve seen (medication-dispensing) implants. We have devices that go behind the ear. This sounds wonderful if it works.” [Read](#)

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