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More dispensaries, marijuana tours, and protecting pets from pot on IL legislative agenda

Plans to create 150 new marijuana stores, allow cannabis tours and make it a crime to get a pet sick from pot are among proposals Illinois lawmakers are expected to consider this spring.

Among some 300 cannabis-related bills introduced in Springfield, most of which are unlikely to pass, a few stand out.

One proposal provides that a county or municipality may allow the sale and consumption of cannabis at temporary events, clubs, and tours of cultivation centers.

Another bill would transfer cannabis business licensing and oversight from existing state regulators to a new Cannabis Control Commission to be appointed by the governor.

Yet **another** would require schools to teach the medical and legal ramifications of cannabis use, similar to warnings about alcohol and drug use. [Read more](#)

First on-site consumption cannabis bar set to open

The mayor of Sesser, Jason Ashmore, is excited for the new business to come into town. He said The Luna Lounge would work like this.

“And what’s that’s going to be is a place for people to go and to smoke marijuana or consume marijuana depending on which way they want to consume it. In a legal fashion,” said Ashmore.

According to Luna owner Holly Roeder, food will be served via food trucks and no alcohol will be served inside due to the state’s smoking laws. [Read](#)

When going green is dirty

Researches at **Colorado** State University found in Colorado that **growing the drug indoors produces more than 30 percent more greenhouse gases than the state's coal mining industry.** The team found that the larger carbon foot print is due to plants requiring a lot of energy, such as high-powered lighting and climate-control systems.

. . . 'The emissions that come from growing an ounce, depending on where it's

grown in the US, **is about the same as burning 7 to 16 gallons of gasoline,**' Hailey Summers, a CSU graduate student in mechanical engineering and lead author in a new study in Nature [Read](#)

2020 Cannabis Tax Revenue Jumps 58%, Surpassing \$3 Billion

Cannabis taxes are a small part of state and local budgets, clocking in at less than 2 percent of tax revenue in the states with legal adult-use sales. But they're also one of states' fastest-growing revenue sources. [Read](#)

For Immediate Action

- Contact your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) and ask them to oppose:
HB 144 –Marijuana clubs, tours, temporary events
HB 193 – Home delivery of marijuana
HB 715 – Bring your own marijuana on-site consumption in bars, etc.
HB 3306 – Increases the size and number of Craft Grow operations.
HB 3319 – Marijuana ads on cell phones/mobile devices
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