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House passes HB 1443 - social equitable dispensaries

After the 75 licenses are awarded, applications for the next 110 licenses could qualify for a lottery if they scored 85% or better on state criteria rather than the perfect scores required previously, Ford said.

The bill would allow social-equity applicants who win licenses to locate their dispensaries closer than 1,500 feet from an established dispensary unless local ordinances prohibited the option. [Read more](#)

The 5 remaining medical marijuana licenses would go to social equitable applicants, and current medical marijuana dispensaries would be allowed to relocate so they could sell "recreational" marijuana.

Roselle considering whether to allow marijuana sales

The village board on Monday night talked about lifting Roselle's ban on adult-use marijuana businesses, which has been in place since 2019. A final decision by the board could be made by September.

"Only 15% of registered voters voted in the election," Domke said. "There may be a lot of people that missed the opportunity to voice their concerns. So waiting until September lets them get ample time to still get involved." [Read](#)

Black market POT still going strong

Some thought legalizing it would reduce the black market and, in turn, stop illegal drug deals. "No, we have not seen any reduction in the black market," Springfield Police Chief Kenny Winslow said. [Watch](#)

Pot commercialization and self-harm by younger men

Researchers examined whether rates of self-harm injuries -- which include **suicide attempts and non-suicidal behaviors like cutting** -- correlate with changing marijuana laws and found an **increase among men younger than 40 in states that allow recreational use**. The study indicated no such correlation with states that allow only medical marijuana use. Regular and heavy use of increasingly high potency cannabis products have

been linked to risk factors for self-harm and assault injury, the study said, including impaired cognitive function, associated alcohol use, psychosis, depressive disorders, and suicidal ideation and attempts.

. . . Interestingly, **for men 21 years old and younger, rates of self-harm were significantly higher -- 46% -- in states with recreational marijuana laws that permitted dispensaries and lacked dose-related restrictions, despite laws restricting use by minors.** "This is particularly disturbing because the human brain is much more plastic in adolescence," Humphreys said. **"Heavy use during adolescent years may do significant damage."**

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