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Republican-backed bill ([H.R. 5977](#)) would federally decriminalize marijuana

Republican Rep. Nancy Mace of South Carolina introduced legislation Monday to federally decriminalize marijuana. The measure, which Mace said she hoped would garner broad GOP support, was met immediately with criticism from conservatives in her home state, some of whom vowed opposition to any effort toward legalization. Mace said a half-dozen GOP House members would be original co-sponsors of the bill. [Read](#)

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New Pot dispensary opens close to Wrigley Field

The dispensary, which is 10,000 square feet in size, sits in a row of bar and restaurants after it took over the space formerly occupied by the shuttered John Barleycorn bar.

Meanwhile, Ford and state Rep. Sara Feigenholtz touted the economic benefits of legal weed, saying the taxes have become

critical public revenue sources in the last two years. [Read](#)

State distribution from marijuana taxes

The money won't be distributed evenly throughout the state. Most of it will be spent to help people in the south suburbs and on Chicago's South and West sides.

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority is tasked with distributing the funds. For the initial round, 398 organizations applied for grants, and 80 were funded. The authority divided the state into 12 regions and devised a formula to dole out cash. [Read more](#)

Proposed zoning change for marijuana infuser in Hazel Crest

A cannabis infuser is essentially a commercial kitchen that buys cannabis oil in bulk from a cultivation center and fills it in a product. According to Dreyfuss, the plans are to work with gummies, mints,

and beverages.

The Hazel Crest zoning ordinances for cannabis companies only include dispensaries and would need to be updated to include an infuser. Watch for public hearings. [Read](#)

Marijuana use during pregnancy linked to health issues in kids

Women who use cannabis during their pregnancy could be putting their child at risk of developing mental health and behavioral problems early in life, a study published Monday finds.

The researchers found that cannabis use during pregnancy was connected to increased levels of stress, anxiety, aggression and hyperactivity in young children. [Read more](#)

Does Marijuana Cause Mental Illness?

The THC in cannabis can destroy critical neuronal pathways in the developing brain, which can result in permanent brain changes. The worst case scenario is psychosis that becomes permanent and is then considered schizophrenia, a life-long, debilitating disease. No one can predict in advance who will be susceptible, as some can experience symptoms after a few times of use. [Read more](#)

Marijuana use disorder may be linked to growing number of heart attacks in younger adults

At a time of increasing legalization of marijuana, a growing number of people under 50 diagnosed with cannabis use disorder were later hospitalized for a heart attack, new research has found. The biggest increases were found in people 18 to 34, men, and African Americans. [Read more](#)

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