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House Bill 4116 would ban companies from refusing to hire cannabis users

Morgan has introduced legislation to challenge Illinois law so most workers or job seekers would not be punished after testing positive for low levels of marijuana, whether recreational or medical. [Read More](#)

The legislation would only apply to businesses that do not have any federal contracts because marijuana is still illegal at the federal level. The bill would provide exceptions for medical workers who would still be tested for THC.

Mark Denzler, of the Illinois Manufacturing Association, said that while marijuana is a legal substance in the state of Illinois, businesses have the right to enforce their policies. "It is important for businesses to maintain their drug testing policies," Denzler said. "Zero tolerance policies and random drug testing are important to maintaining a safe work environment." [Read more](#)

IL Supreme Court orders consolidation of lawsuits by applicants challenging the recreational cannabis licensing process

At the request of the Illinois attorney general's office, the court ordered that several cases be heard together, which could help decide the fate of all 185 new recreational marijuana retail licenses. AG Kwame Raoul's office had argued in court papers that combining the cases would avoid potentially conflicting rulings. [Read](#)

Some pot shops would have to prove social equity status to City Council members — not just the state —

under proposed ordinance

Ald. Leslie Hairston (5th) and Roderick Sawyer (6th) want companies seeking to open new cannabis dispensaries in Chicago within 1,500 feet of existing dispensaries to provide “certified evidence” every year that they are indeed “social equity” applicants. [Read](#)

How does smoking marijuana affect academic performance?

High potency” cannabis is considered to be anything over 10% THC. Use of high potency cannabis is associated with a number of outcomes, including greater risk of cannabis use disorder and adverse mental health outcomes.

Young people seem to be particularly vulnerable. Although we sometimes hear from people that marijuana use doesn't seem that risky, recent studies make clear that cannabis use may increase harms and risks for those who use. For college students, these issues range from having trouble concentrating and paying attention to feeling antisocial or paranoid. [Read](#)

Marijuana legalization was a mistake. Highly concentrated pot is destroying my son's life.

Eventually, my son told me he was dabbing, which I had never heard of. A dab (or wax or shatter) is a highly concentrated form of THC, marijuana's active ingredient. It's heated and smoked, delivering an instant, overwhelming high. Crack weed, my son called it. He knew it was making him crazy. He wanted to quit, but addiction had him firmly in its grip.

And yes, he was addicted. Addiction is a pediatric disease. In 9 out of 10 cases, it originates with drug or alcohol use before age 21.

Marijuana, which has been linked to mental illness and psychosis in teens and young adults, slowly takes away your humanity. That's what it did to my son, who turned to running the streets with homeless people. He had no trouble finding people to feed his addiction in return for selling their legally homegrown marijuana. [Read](#)

PBS journalistic integrity questioned in its NOVA documentary entitled “The Cannabis Question.”

Ed Wood, founder of DUID (Drivers Under the Influence of Drugs) Victims' Voices, pointed out a few of the false, misleading or irresponsible statements in the film: on his blog. He concluded by saying “The Cannabis Question”, film doesn't qualify as journalism, it's simply pro-pot propaganda. [Read](#)

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