



# ILCAAAP

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

## Marijuana/Alcohol Alert - May 18, 2021



### **IL Craft Brewers want HOME delivery/shipment of beer**

Craft brewers are asking for e-mails to Legislators to support delivery of craft beer made permanent and shipment of craft beer to HOMES. [Read](#)

During the pandemic, one study found rates of alcohol consumption in spring, 2020 increased 14% and drinkers consumed nearly 30% more than in pre-pandemic months. [Read](#)

A study on internet alcohol sales to minors found that 45% of the online alcohol orders placed by underage buyers were successful. [Youth Alcohol Use: National and Illinois Trends, Consequences, and Interventions | ICJIA Research Hub](#)

**Illinois has a higher percentage of binge drinkers across virtually all demographics than the national averages.** In the US, 22.1% of adult males and 12.2% of adult females exhibit the identifiers of binge drinking. In Illinois, the numbers are greater with 25.9% of men and 15.1% of women binge drinking. [Read](#)

If alcohol is shipped to homes, having a large supply of alcohol available will increase the risk for heavy and binge drinking. **Shipping alcohol to homes will increase use, abuse, and underage drinking.**

### **IL marijuana sales increase – harder to track impact on employment**

“All of those individuals who are deciding to go ahead and consume this product are really taking themselves out of a lot of job opportunities that they would otherwise be qualified, so there’s a real upside and a downside,” Maisch said.

While it’s easy to track the revenues this industry brings into state coffers, he points out, **it will be harder to track the lack of productivity and qualified individuals to operate heavy machinery and other jobs that require employees to pass a drug test.** [Read](#)

## **Congressional Bill Filed To Legalize Marijuana**

A pair of congressional Republican lawmakers have introduced a bill to federally legalize marijuana, protect banks that service state-legal cannabis business and ensure that military veterans are specifically permitted to use marijuana in compliance with state laws.

The Common Sense Cannabis Reform for Veterans, Small Businesses, and Medical Professionals Act is being sponsored by Reps. David Joyce (R-OH) and Don Young (R-AK).

. . . On the House side, Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) said recently that he plans to reintroduced his legalization bill, the Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act, which cleared the chamber last year but did not advance in the Senate under GOP control.

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### *For Immediate Action*

1. Contact your State Representative and Senator and ask them to OPPOSE the permanent delivery of alcohol and shipping of alcohol to HOMES (The Brewers Economic Equity and Relief Act).
2. **Share this Alert** with your faith community and ask them to PRAY.
3. **Forward to 10 others.**

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