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Cannabis transporters sue state over alleged illegal shipments

A group of licensed cannabis transporters has filed suit against Illinois regulators, claiming the state is allowing unlicensed operators to transport marijuana. [...]

Thirteen transport companies filed the suit Tuesday in Sangamon County against the Illinois Department of Agriculture and its director, Jerry Costello II. A spokeswoman for the agency said it does not comment on pending litigation but is unaware of any illegal transporters.

A transportation license allows the holder to deliver cannabis from a grower to state-wide retail stores. It was seen as the easiest way for minority owners to break into the legal cannabis business. Transporters have the lowest barriers to entry and are much less costly to start than a cultivation or retail facility.

But many couldn't get hired because state law allows growers to ship their products. Only 31 transport companies and the 21 big cultivation centers have been licensed. [READ](#)

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