



ALLIANCE FOR CANNABIS EQUITY

103rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIORITIES

The **Alliance for Cannabis Equity (ACE)** includes community advocates, entrepreneurs, trade associations, and other stakeholders fighting for cannabis equity across the State of Illinois. We are dedicated to repairing the harms from the War on Drugs, and ensuring equity in the cannabis industry.

Collectively, ACE has identified a path forward for the 2024 Veto & Lane Duck Sessions that includes:

HB 2911 S.A. #2 - SENATOR LIGHTFORD

- Allow social equity dispensaries to serve Illinois' 140,000 medical patients.
- Due to the license cap in the Medical Cannabis Compassionate Use Act, Social Equity dispensaries cannot serve patients, thus forcing thousands of patients with travel and mobility issues to drive far distances to the nearest medical dispensary, or pay up to 40% in taxes for the same products.
- Allow physical examinations to be performed using telemedicine.
- Allowing curbside pick-up and drive through at dispensaries for medical and adult use (with medical patient priority).
- Standardizes & streamlines the online application & badging process for prospective workers.
- Ensure qualified individuals are not denied the ability to become a principal officer or agent of a cannabis business establishment on the sole basis of a criminal conviction.
- Allow for the registration of new Testing Labs, expanding testing capacity & inclusion.
- Increase Craft Grow Canopy Space to 14k Square Feet.
- Create Anti-Monopoly rules, giving Illinois Departments enforcement power to hold businesses accountable for harmful practices.



Items for Further Consideration

HB 1499 - REPS. FORD & ORTIZ: SOCIAL CONSUMPTION SPACES

- Give municipalities flexibility on consumption businesses and the right to license or disallow them.
- Expand licenses for cannabis lounges and temporary events, where cannabis can be consumed.

REGULATORY CONSOLIDATION

- **STREAMLINE:** Consolidate authority of cannabis programs from separate agencies to establish a stronger foundation and more streamlined processes for current and future cannabis programs to succeed.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Develop a uniform oversight authority to increase accountability and transparency of Illinois' cannabis program.

On behalf of The Alliance for Cannabis Equity, we welcome any and all feedback on cannabis legislation. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Alliance at:

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