



SOCIAL EQUITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK™



The Cannabis Equity IL Coalition, Chicago NORML, Equity And Transformation, Gap Gyrz & Gyz Consortium, Illinois Equity Staffing, Social Equity Empowerment Network, The South & West Side Coalition for Commerce, IGTM Education, ACC of Illinois, and our aligned community partners are dedicated to repairing the harms from the War on Drugs, and ensuring the cannabis industry is truly equitable. We strongly request support for the following bills and measures that have been introduced in this 2022 legislative session, and we seek to educate members about the impact they will have on disproportionately impacted communities.

2022 Cannabis Omnibus Package: Rep. Evans, Rep. Ford, Rep. Morgan.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EMPLOYEE BADGING HB 5457: Standardizes the badging process across agencies, ensuring an expedited, online application process for prospective workers. Creates an appeals process for those denied badges from the State, which is currently not available. ● SOCIAL CONSUMPTION HB 5523: Creates licenses for cannabis clubs & lounges, along with temporary events, where cannabis can be consumed. ● GROWING CANOPY HB 4097: Immediately increases the maximum allowed growing space for Craft Growers from 5,000 sq. ft. to 14,000 sq. ft.

Removing Barriers to Record Clearing HB4392 - EXPUNGEMENT - DRUG TEST Senator Collins & Rep. Ammons	Relief for Transporters SB3799 - CANNABIS TRANSPORTATION LICENSE Rep. Marcus Evans.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MODERNIZE THE PROCESS: People currently seeking record clearing relief in Illinois are still required to submit negative drug tests as part of their record clearing petition. ● INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY: By removing the cannabis drug test requirement, record clearing will be more accessible, and more people will move through the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● REDUCE BARRIERS: Delays the release of new transportation licenses until 2025, ensuring the current group of transporters can be operational before the next cohort begins. ● FAIRNESS: Delays the requirement to pay the license fee for 2 years, providing relief to operators who have no income. ● *LET THEM WORK*: Social Equity transportation license holders have been shut out of contracts by the existing industry, and cannot register on BioTrack. It is imperative that legislation includes a requirement for existing cultivators to contract with a transportation licensee for at least 75% of their business.

Employer Drug Testing
HB 4116- RIGHT TO PRIVACY - DRUG TEST
Rep. Bob Morgan.

- **STANDARDIZE:** Will standardize the process for employers to establish drug free workplace policies, including for 'Safety Sensitive' positions.
- **PRIORITIZE WORKERS:** Standardizes the drug testing process for workplaces to ensure workers are fully aware of how they can possess and use cannabis, and which behaviors could lead to disciplinary actions.

One Plant, One Agency
HB 5710 - CANNABIS - OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Rep. Marcus Evans.

- **CONSOLIDATION:** Creates the Cannabis Equity and Oversight Commission, which will administer and enforce the provisions of the Act relating to the oversight, licensing, registration, and certification of cannabis businesses.
- **STREAMLINING:** The Commission will streamline Illinois' cannabis program from 13 separate agencies, consolidating authority under one commission.
- **TRANSPARENCY:** Creating an independent commission to lead the cannabis program will increase accountability & transparency of Illinois' cannabis program.

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Signed,

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