



Current Status of the Recreational Cannabis Initiative:

The potential impacts to communities

Illinois has been gradually moving toward legalization of recreational cannabis since medical use began in 2013. Illinois State Senator Heather Steans and Representative Kelly Cassidy state that they soon will introduce a bill to legalize recreational use for people 21 and older. It is reported that Governor Pritzker will act quickly on legalization when it is presented to him. As debate starts this Spring, municipalities should be thinking about whether and how to get a grip on the impacts to come.

Mark Burkland and Stew Weiss from Holland & Knight have been monitoring the initiative closely. They will present the current status of the proposed bill. They also will discuss the expected provisions of the bill regarding taxation, level of local control, and other key elements proposed by the bill's sponsors.

We expect that this will be a good opportunity to discuss the matter and ask questions. Please feel free to invite your Police Chiefs, Community Development Directors and others as you deem appropriate.

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Time: 11:30 AM Networking
Noon Lunch
12:30 PM Presentation

Location: Harry Caray's
70 Yorktown Center
Lombard, IL

Cost: \$30 for Metro Luncheon Only (MIT's are Free)
\$20 for Students/Interns for Metro Lunch only
\$60 if attending both the Luncheon and the ILCMA Professional Development Program "*Social Media and Local Government – The New Influence*"
\$50 for Students/Interns if attending both events

By April 15th: Online Registration: <https://www.ilcma.org/?p=8853>
Email registration to Alex Galindo at agalindo@niu.edu
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Cancellations must be made by April 15, 2019. Any cancellations after that date will require full payment.