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Illinois Moves to Legalize On-Premise Cannabis Consumption

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (February 24, 2025) - A major milestone in cannabis policy reached the Illinois legislature with the introduction of the On-Premise Cannabis Consumption Act (HB3061 & SB1772). This bill, crafted by the Illinois Cannabis Consumption Association (ICCA), would establish Cannabis Hospitality Venues and Temporary Cannabis Events.

"Over 1.2 million Illinoisans consume cannabis daily - where are they using it?" said Dipesh Sharma, Vice-President of ICCA. **"The On-Premise Cannabis Consumption Act will give municipalities the power to regulate safe, designated consumption spaces so cannabis use happens responsibly and not in the shadows."**

What the Bill Does

- **Establishes Cannabis Hospitality Venues** – Businesses like cafés, music venues, art galleries, and yoga studios can apply for a license with their municipality to create dedicated consumption spaces. They can be indoor with proper HVAC or outdoor if sight-obscured.
- **Allows for Temporary Cannabis Events** – Local governments can issue special event permits for cannabis consumption at festivals, private gatherings, industry events, and other temporary settings outside of Cannabis Hospitality Venues.

A True Grassroots Effort

The On-Premise Consumption Act was crafted by cannabis consumers and business owners—not corporate lobbyists. The Illinois Cannabis Consumption Association has pushed this bill forward **without a single donation or industry funding**. The organization is backed by thousands of cannabis consumers who enjoy cannabis socially and want to see on-premise consumption legalized and normalized.

"Cannabis consumption is already happening, and we want it to happen safely," said Nathan Scanlon, President of ICCA. **"This bill allows for well-ventilated spaces for cannabis consumption. If you want to be around cannabis, you can - and if you don't, you won't have to be. It's not about smoking everywhere, it's about creating responsible, controlled spaces, just like we do for alcohol."**

For more information, media inquiries, and to get involved, contact Madeline Scanlon at icca.canna@gmail.com or visit www.ConsumptionAct.com

About the Illinois Cannabis Consumption Association

The Illinois Cannabis Consumption Association (ICCA) is a grassroots organization founded by cannabis consumers and business owners who believe that legalization must include safe, legal places to enjoy the plant. ICCA's goal is to help the nascent cannabis hospitality industry emerge with business viability and consumer experience at the forefront.

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