

A student senator from UIUC proposed a resolution to the Illinois Student Government that would allow for the possession and use of non-smoking marijuana in University Housing. Although the Illinois medical marijuana program allowed for the eligible to apply for a “medical cannabis registry identification card” in 2013, medical marijuana federally remains illegal. The prohibition of medical marijuana on campus forces those with a prescription to compromise their medication intake with residence directors and advisers or simply doing it illegally. Federal funding for the University could be put at risk if this policy were to change. A senior with a prescription believes that the banning “delegitimizes the relief and benefits that medical marijuana can give.” Either way, the Director of University Housing believes the policy change wouldn’t come any time soon, for a significant amount of investigation is required in order to make sure there are no federal guidelines being hindered.