

Student senator Tara Chatteraj introduced the resolution of medical marijuana in University Housing on last Wednesday. The resolution urge the University to revise current regulations to allow for the non-smoking medical marijuana products on campus.

Illinois' medical marijuana program provides special cases for eligible individuals with debilitating conditions. They are able to apply for a medical cannabis registry identification card since 2013.

However, even with a prescription, students still have few options for their needs. Because of the federally illegal status of medical marijuana, public university universities are hesitant to allow them on campus. They are concerned about the impact of federal funding.

Chatteraj said that this causes problems for students with a prescription. 'Basically, (the only way to take their medication is) either working it out with (residence directors) and (resident advisers) or doing it illegally,' Chatteraj said. " They don't have a lot of options, unfortunately. Mostly, they have to hide it and lie about it."

Jack Block, senior in Media, has to break the rules although he has the prescription.

"I need it to function," Block said. " I wasn't about to let a rule prevent me from getting the medical care that I needed."

Prohibiting medical marijuana on campus can be incredibly detrimental to students prevented from taking their medication, Block said.

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