

# Rep. Taylor: Echoes support for Governor's medical marijuana plan

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## Governor Evers Announces Compassionate Medical Marijuana Laws for Budget Proposal

MADISON – Today, Governor Tony Evers introduced his plan to include medical marijuana legalization in his budget, which is expected to be introduced next Thursday. This proposal includes the decriminalization of 25 grams or less of marijuana and would allow records to be expunged for people with previous convictions relating to marijuana possession in small amounts. After years of working on legalizing access to medical marijuana, Rep. Chris Taylor (D-Madison) issued the following statement:

“I am so proud to stand with Governor Evers today to make this critical announcement. In my many years of advocacy on this issue, I have heard moving stories from patients and loved ones across the state about the need for access to marijuana treatment to alleviate suffering for those struggling with debilitating illnesses,” said Rep. Taylor.

“Many Wisconsin lawmakers are way behind the public and country on this critical issue. Last fall, there were 18 different referenda ballot measures around the state on marijuana, and every single one passed by healthy margins. It is long past time for Wisconsin to join the 33 other states that have legalized comprehensive, compassionate medical marijuana treatment.

“I firmly believe that nobody should be treated as a criminal for accessing the

medicine they or their loved ones need. This is a long overdue compassionate law that will finally allow sick patients to access the medicine they need.”