

Dear reader,

We've been busy updating ProCon.org with the latest big news in medical marijuana and our newest research on other topics. You can see some of our recent highlights below.

1. Medical Marijuana: Updated: [14 Legal Medical Marijuana States and DC](#)

Medical marijuana is now legal in the District of Columbia. The law took effect on July 27, 2010 following a 30-day Congressional review period. The DC mayor and Department of Health will now determine the details of the program, which is not expected to be active before the end of 2010.

2. Medical Marijuana: [US Department of Veterans Affairs Relaxes Rules for Legal Medical Marijuana Users](#)

Veterans who participate in legal state medical marijuana programs will no longer be disqualified from "substance abuse programs, pain control programs, or other clinical programs" by the Veterans Health Administration.

3. ACLU: Updated: [Should HIV testing for pregnant women be mandatory?](#)

4. ACLU: Updated: [Should public schools allow gay-straight alliances?](#)

5. Teachers and Librarians, [Please Take Our Survey](#)

ProCon.org has now been used by 1,287 schools in 31 countries and all 50 US states. If you are not a teacher or librarian, please forward the survey link to any teachers or librarians you know. We greatly appreciate your help in expanding the number of schools using ProCon.org.

6. Thank you to Julia P.

Julia P. pointed out an error that we made in our July 20, 2010 email blast. We incorrectly wrote that the GAO reported 27% of all federal prisoners in 2005 were illegal aliens. The report actually said that they were aliens, meaning they are not citizens. The report did not provide statistics for how many of those aliens came into the country legally or illegally. The error has been corrected. Thank you, Julia!

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