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Education and Training Division

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Related Material: Department Notice D16-04 entitled "Illinois Alternative Cannabis Enforcement Program for Possession of Not More Than 10 Grams of Cannabis," Special Order S04-26-12 entitled "Alternative Cannabis Enforcement Program,"

Special Order S04-23 entitled "Ordinance Complaint Form" and Special Order S04-22-01 entitled "Exemptions and Restrictions for Issuing ANDV Citations."

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UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CANNABIS

On July 29th, 2016, changes to the Cannabis Control Act were enacted as part of Illinois Senate Bill 2228, making possession of not more than 10 grams of cannabis a civil law violation punishable by a minimum fine of \$100 and a maximum fine of \$200 (instead of a misdemeanor with possible jail time.) This offense is not an arrestable offense and is enforceable by citation only which does not require a bond.

The changes to the Cannabis Control Act took effect immediately and are outlined in the Department Notice entitled "*Illinois Alternative Cannabis Enforcement Program for Possession of not more than 10 grams of Cannabis.*" The newly created Cook County Civil Law Citation(CCC 110216) will be used to cite individuals found in possession of 10 or less grams of cannabis.

Due to the passage of Senate Bill 2228, The Alternative Cannabis Enforcement Program adopted by Chicago in 2012 will now apply to possession of more than 10 grams but not more than 15 grams of cannabis. The program is outlined in the Special Order entitled "*Alternative Cannabis Enforcement Program.*"

This training bulletin will outline the procedures to follow when enforcing both 720 ILCS 550/4(a) - "Possession of Cannabis - not more than 10 grams" and Section 7-24-099 of the Chicago Municipal Code, "Possession of Cannabis."

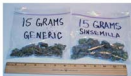
Note: The volume of cannabis can vary greatly. Estimates need to be made by feeling the weight of the substance. Be sure to wear latex gloves when handling the substance and to deduct the weight of the substance packaging from your estimate.



Cannabis - Sinsemilla
on scale - 10 grams



Cannabis - Sinsemilla
on scale - 15 grams



Cannabis - Generic and Sinsemilla
in bags - 15 grams each



Cannabis - Generic
7 dime bags - 15 grams



3 U.S. nickels
equivalent weight of 15 grams