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Illinois and Michigan have long been collecting hundreds of millions of dollars in tax revenue from Wisconsin residents who cross the border to purchase marijuana. Now Minnesota is poised to join them. Wisconsin needs to catch up.

MADISON - Wisconsin is in a rapidly-shrinking minority of states that have not legalized marijuana, [one of only ten in the country](#) .

Our immediate neighbors are way ahead of us. [Illinois has generated \\$425 million](#) in tax revenue from legal sales of marijuana, with an estimated \$36 million coming directly from Wisconsin residents. Not only is the new source of funding benefiting Illinois as a whole, a portion of each dollar spent is being reinvested in communities that have been forced to do more with less.

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