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Action Alert February 13 , 2006

Support HB 2231: Release Non-Violent Drug Offenders from Prison to Treatment

Drug Policy Lecture Series: Ed Rosenthal, International Author Speaking in Lawrence

HEA Drug Provision: Congress Takes Modified Action to Repeal Law

Lawrence City Commission Fails to Take up Marijuana Ordinance



Support HB 2231

This bill would allow 156 persons currently incarcerated to leave prison and receive drug treatment. Had these persons been convicted after November 1, 2003 they would have been eligible for treatment under SB 123. [Read more.](#)

HB 2231 will get a hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee:

February 19, 1:30pm, Topeka Capitol, 123-N

Please plan to attend or [contact the members](#) by phone or e-mail and voice your support. [Become a member](#)

Drug Policy Lecture Series: Ed Rosenthal

Following the success of [Marijuana Policy Project](#) Director Rob Kampia's lecture February 5th,

International Author [Ed Rosenthal](#) will speak at the [Jackpot Saloon](#) in Lawrence, KS on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 9pm.

The event is hosted by Victor Continental and will feature the bands [Trucker](#), [The Ants](#) and [Conner](#). Tickets are \$5 at the door.

HEA Drug Provision

Congress passed a revision to the Higher Education Act (HEA) drug provision which means that the ACT now only applies to student currently in school, and not to persons convicted who are not receiving financial aid.

The Act will still apply to anyone receiving student financial

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aid and convicted of a drug offense--unless the offense is prosecuted in a city court.

The ACT still does not apply to student convicted of violent offenses such as assault, rape or arson.

[Lawrence City Ordinance](#)

Lawrence city commissioners are still considering a mandatory \$300 fine for first time marijuana possession offenders rather than sending offenders to an evaluation designed specifically to identify marijuana dependence. This public health approach is a sensible alternative to their earlier proposal to levy a fine in excess of that required by the state. To learn more about the marijuana dependence evaluation, and recommended treatment, check our [website](#).

Please take 5 minutes of your time to call or write one or more of the commissioners and tell them you support this public health approach. Urge them to pass the ordinance without a mandatory fine.

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