

**Committee Name:**  
**Senate Committee –**  
**Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**  
**(SC–JCP)**

**Appointments**

03hr\_SC–JCP\_Appt\_pt00

**Committee Hearings**

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**Executive Sessions**

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# Hearing Records

## 03hr\_ab0715

03hr\_sb0000

**Misc.**

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**Record of Committee Proceedings**

03hr\_SC–JCP\_RCP\_pt00

**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Privacy**

Date: 2-10-04

Moved by: Fitz

Seconded by: Stepp Coggs

AB 715

SB \_\_\_\_\_

Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_

AJR \_\_\_\_\_

SJR \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

AR \_\_\_\_\_

SR \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Be recommended for:

- Passage       Adoption       Confirmation       Concurrence       Indefinite Postponement  
 Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrence

Committee Member

**Senator David Zien, Chair**

Aye      No      Absent      Not Voting

**Senator Scott Fitzgerald**

**Senator Cathy Stepp**

**Senator Tim Carpenter**

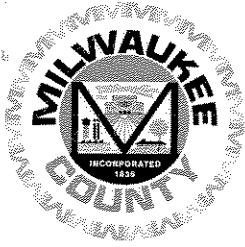
**Senator G. Spencer Coggs**

**Totals:**      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Carried

Motion Failed



**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**  
**Milwaukee County**

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee Members

FROM: Roy de la Rosa, Director  
Intergovernmental Relations

DATE: February 10, 2004

SUBJECT: Support for AB715

Attached is communication from Milwaukee County Assistant District Attorney Jon Reddin, in support of AB715 which would allow Milwaukee County to enforce its marijuana ordinance.

As stated by Mr. Reddin, Milwaukee County has a unique problem that can be addressed with passage of AB715. The application of AB715 to any other county is neither needed nor necessary.

AB715 received a unanimous vote from the Assembly last week.

On behalf of Milwaukee County, I would like to thank you for your favorable consideration of AB715.



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February 5, 2004

Dear State Senator:

Assembly Bill 715 addresses a problem unique to Milwaukee County. Under current law any county may enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession of less than 25 grams of marijuana, in conformity with state law. The current law also provides that such an ordinance would not apply in any municipality within the county which has enacted its own marijuana ordinance.

Milwaukee County is unique in that no portion of it is unincorporated, and each municipality has enacted a marijuana ordinance. Therefore, the Milwaukee County ordinance is, under current law, unenforceable.

There are areas within Milwaukee County which, although within incorporated municipalities, are patrolled by the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department. These include Mitchell airport, the zoo, and county parks. Since the county marijuana ordinance is unenforceable in these areas, anyone possessing a small amount of marijuana would be subject to criminal prosecution, which they would not face if they moved a short distance onto a city street. This is fundamentally unfair.

In other counties, a county ordinance would be enforceable in any unincorporated areas and in any municipality which has not enacted such an ordinance. Application of AB 715 to those counties is therefore not needed.

Very truly yours,

[Handwritten signature of Jon N. Reddin]

Jon N. Reddin
Deputy District Attorney

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