



## News from the Illinois House of Representatives

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### **As Application Rescoring Begins for Cannabis Dispensary License Applicants, Rep. La Shawn K. Ford Announces Technical Assistance Resources to Help Social Equity Applicants Who Received Deficiency Notices**

As the state of Illinois moves forward with the “partial rescoring” of dispensary license applications, State Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago) is announcing a new, web-based technical assistance program designed to aid social equity applicants in responding to additional “deficiency notices” from state regulators.

**Social Equity applicants for cannabis dispensary licenses are encouraged to visit the following website for information: <https://www.applicationcoaching.com/>. In addition to technical resources, a schedule of daily live webinars will be posted soon.**

“Thousands of social equity applicants should receive deficiency notices from the state of Illinois today. They will have only until March 5<sup>th</sup> to respond with answers,” said Rep. Ford. “Many of the applicants don’t have the resources to urgently hire the necessary technical experts they need to help respond to complicated questions from the state. I appreciate Justice Grown and Harvest 360, the companies spearheading this effort, for stepping up at this critical moment. We want to make sure every applicant has a fair chance at improving their score and becoming eligible for the license lottery.”

“These companies actually put in the work to establish a web-based assistance program to help qualified applicants understand and correct the most commonly-made application mistakes,” added Rep. Ford. The program will be free to all qualifying applicants and we encourage people to take advantage of these resources.

**Interested social equity applicants can email Rep. Ford at [repford@lashawnford.com](mailto:repford@lashawnford.com).**

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