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Representative Melissa Sargent introduces legislation to legalize recreational and medicinal marijuana, create new jobs.

MADISON - State Representative Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) hosted a press conference at the Wisconsin State Capitol Thursday to announce LRB-2457 , legislation to legalize marijuana in Wisconsin.

“This bill is so much more than legalizing marijuana—it’s about legalizing opportunity and prosperity,” said Sargent. “The state budget was due two weeks ago, and Wisconsin simply can’t afford to wait any longer—we deserve a real plan to create new jobs and stimulate our lagging economy, and that’s what this bill is.”

LRB-2457’s introduction comes nearly two weeks after Republicans failed to meet the July 1 state budget deadline and following several stalled budget negotiations between Assembly and Senate Republicans and Governor Walker. The proposal also marks the third time a bill to legalize marijuana has been introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature since Sargent introduced the first bill of its kind in Wisconsin during the 2013-2014 legislative session.

