

**(Board Action Affirmed; 2023 Annual Meeting)  
Board Adopted Resolution as Amended  
(October 2022)**

**ILLINOIS STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**Resolution 08.2022-08  
(A-23)**

Introduced by: Tamara Olt, MD, ISMS Member

Subject: Reclassify Criminal Penalties for Small-Scale Drug Possession  
from a Felony to a Misdemeanor

Referred to: Medical Legal Council

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RESOLVED, that it is the position of ISMS that efforts to treat addiction and reduce the harms associated with drug use should prioritize public health strategies over criminal justice penalties; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS) ~~should create policy that supports the passage of legislation to reclassify~~ reclassifying criminal penalties for small-scale drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor in the State of Illinois, and ~~improve~~ improving access to evidence-based treatment for people experiencing substance use disorders.