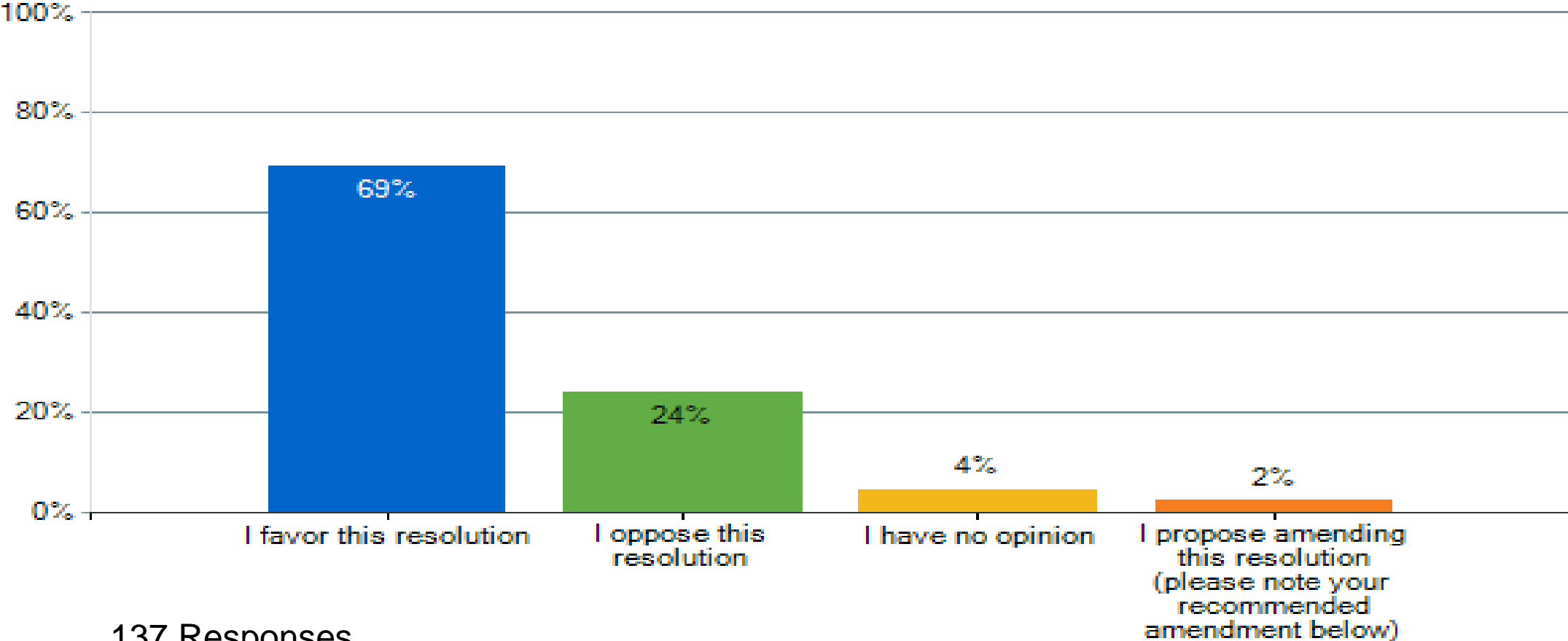
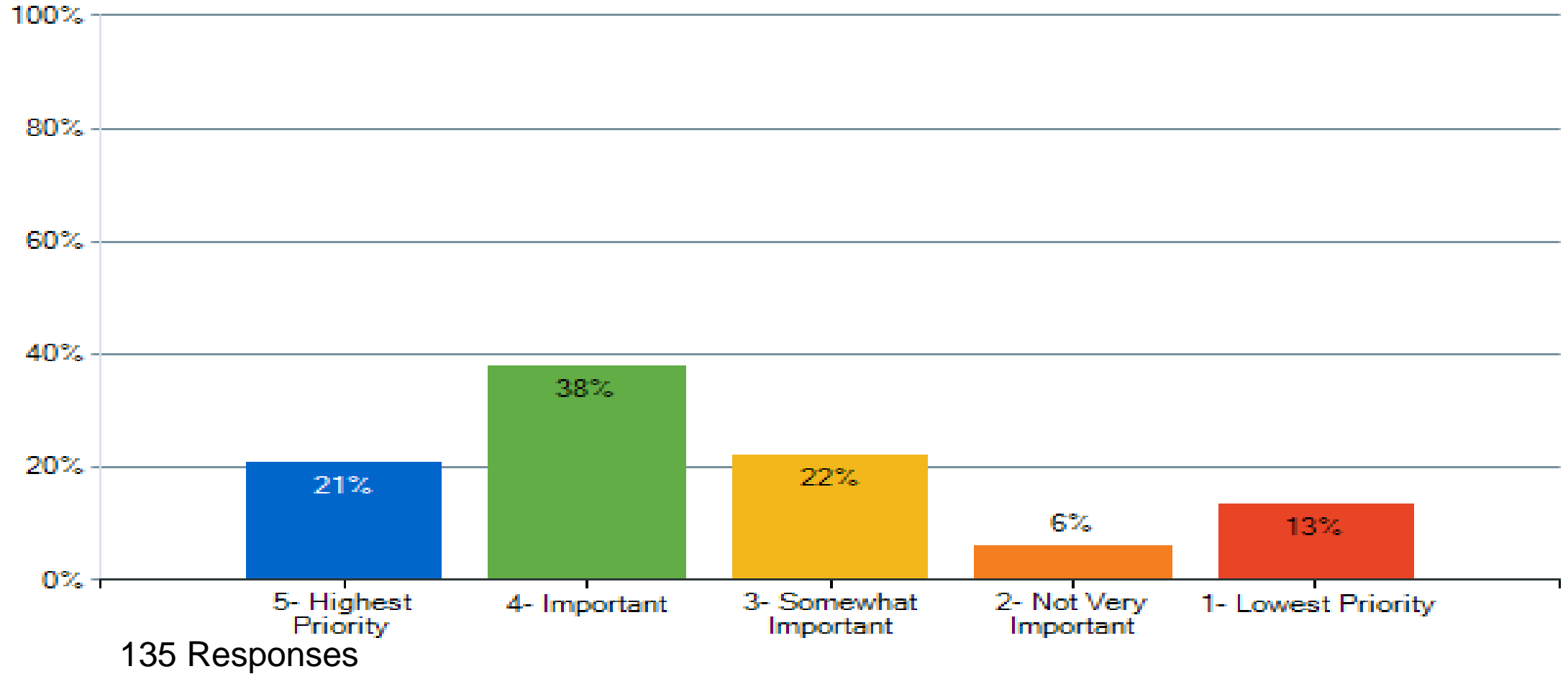


Reclassify Criminal Penalties for Small-Scale Drug Possession from a Felony to a Misdemeanor



137 Responses

Please indicate your view of this resolution as an ISMS priority.



Comments

Response Text

This idea is needed but not related to our role in Illinois. I don't think this should move forward despite my agreement with the ideology.

prioritize public health strategies over criminal justice penalties

Since your terms say you can edit or remove my responses how is this a true survey.at all. Sounds like you intend to just publish results that are consistent with and supportive of your already determined narrative. But I will answer this question.simply - No

Need a better definition of "small-scale"

I agree with the medical treatment part but disagree with reclassifying criminal penalties

Does this give pushers/ dealers an out Believe needs some more definition.Accept #1 but rec more work on#2

Disagree.

What is small scale?

About time

This is already being done by our lawmakers. ISMS doesn't need to get involve in this.

agree on this stance also needs to be referred for Addiction Medicine specialist treatment

The challenge will be defining "small scale drug possession" for each chemical. A small amount of benzodiazepine is not the same as a small amount of fentanyl. But I agree with the intent of the resolution.

What does this have to do with us? Further, addiction treatment has a failure rate that makes it unjustifiable. We would never recommend a treatment for an infectious disease or cancer that was so ineffective.

Agree!!

Addiction is a choice made by each individual; except for easing the alcohol addict off the alcohol to prevent seizures, the medical profession should stay out of this. How desperately do we need to return to the concept of sinful behavior rather than endless "mental health" exercises and claims of "rehab" that have no lasting benefits to anyone!

Agree Thank you

How is it that the state wants to limit the use of Vaping and increase use of Marijuana? Ridiculous, both can cause lung damage.

Has nothing to do with practice of medicine in Illinois.

Agree

We should not be addressing changing criminal penalties. Stay out of politics. We are doctors !!!

no

Long overdue

Excellent resolution! Well thought out and researched. Should also be referred to the AMA for consideration.

Great idea

No

Keep the felony classification but support efforts to improve treatment including allowing judges to mandate treatment and, after successful completion of a treatment program and a random drug testing program for 18 months, paid for by the person's insurance or the

person themselves, which documents the person is drug-free, have the felony conviction expunged from the record.

Is there a difference between legalization and decriminalization?

I am OK with this, but do NOT feel ISMS should be involved in this issue

Drug abuse is the root cause of much criminal activity. Even the smallest drug possession should be hardly punished.

I love this policy proposal. Agree that harm reduction is the priority and that involvement in the criminal-legal system is harmful to health and recovery.

Well, I agree in principle . No reason we cannot suggest that this is our position. But we should not spend a penny trying to get anything passed. AN OK position to take but we do not have to be the ones pushing for it. Low priority.

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STRONGLY support

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Other (Please specify) :

Other (Please specify) : Those whose convictions for small-scale drug possession resulted after a plea-bargain from a more serious violent crime will be excluded.

Other (Please specify) : Physicians should not decide what the penalties are, but I do support the programs to help addiction