

# Illinois Indoor Tanning Coalition Action Update

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In December of 2012 the American Academy of Dermatology Association hosted a meeting for key organizations and political representatives to discuss indoor tanning advocacy strategies for the upcoming year in Illinois, as the state will be considering legislation that would ban indoor tanning for anyone under the age of 18. Two large cities in Illinois have already banned indoor tanning to anyone under the age of 18. Chicago and Springfield both passed city ordinances during 2012. Many organizations were represented in this meeting, including the DNA. Strategies for the coming year are in progress. See the Illinois Dermatological Society ad on [The Real Consequences of Indoor Tanning](#).

What your DNA is doing:

1. The DNA has an active member attending the meetings.
2. Contacting Illinois members to advocate.
3. Keeping the DNA members up to date on tanning bed legislation.

What can you do?

1. Educate and advocate at every opportunity.
2. Be aware of what is going on in your state or region on the indoor tanning legislation.
3. Correspond with your legislator when needed.

If you have any questions on how or what you can do please contact Angie Hamilton or any of the DNA Health Policy & Advocacy Committee members. The contact information is on the DNA web site under the [Health Policy & Advocacy Committee page](#).

*Get involved, "If not you, then who?"*