

SENATE BILL 844

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By: **Senator Carter**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Cannabis – Dispensaries – Operation at Multiple Locations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an applicant for a medical cannabis dispensary license to
4 provide the number of locations the applicant intends to operate under the license
5 and the physical addresses of the locations; providing that a medical cannabis
6 dispensary license authorizes the licensee to operate up to a certain number of
7 locations under the license; requiring a dispensary licensee that operates at more
8 than one location to report certain information for each location and in aggregate;
9 and generally relating to medical cannabis dispensaries.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 13–3301(a) and (f) and 13–3307(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 13–3307(b), (d), and (l)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 13–3301.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) "Dispensary" means an entity licensed under this subtitle that acquires,
2 possesses, transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers cannabis,
3 products containing cannabis, related supplies, related products containing cannabis
4 including edible cannabis products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments, or educational
5 materials for use by a qualifying patient or caregiver.

6 13-3307.

7 (a) (1) A dispensary shall be licensed by the Commission.

8 (b) To be licensed as a dispensary, an applicant shall submit to the Commission:

9 (1) An application fee in an amount to be determined by the Commission
10 consistent with this subtitle; and

11 (2) An application that includes:

12 (i) The legal name and physical address of the proposed dispensary;

13 (ii) The name, address, and date of birth of each principal officer and
14 each director, none of whom may have served as a principal officer or director for a
15 dispensary that has had its license revoked; [and]

16 (iii) Operating procedures that the dispensary will use, consistent
17 with Commission regulations for oversight, including storage of cannabis and products
18 containing cannabis only in enclosed and locked facilities; AND

19 **(IV) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
20 **NUMBER OF LOCATIONS AT WHICH THE APPLICANT INTENDS TO OPERATE AND THE**
21 **PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF EACH LOCATION.**

22 (d) **(1)** The Commission shall allow a person to have an ownership interest in
23 or control of, including the power to manage and operate, up to four dispensaries under this
24 section.

25 **(2) A DISPENSARY LICENSE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION**
26 **AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER OF THE LICENSE TO OPERATE AT UP TO FOUR**
27 **LOCATIONS, AS DESIGNATED IN THE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
28 **SECTION.**

29 (l) (1) Each dispensary licensed under this section shall submit to the
30 Commission a quarterly report.

31 (2) The quarterly report shall include:

32 (i) The number of patients served;

- 1 (ii) The county of residence of each patient served;
- 2 (iii) The medical condition for which medical cannabis was
3 recommended;
- 4 (iv) The type and amount of medical cannabis dispensed; and
- 5 (v) If available, a summary of clinical outcomes, including adverse
6 events and any cases of suspected diversion.

7 (3) The quarterly report may not include any personal information that
8 identifies a patient.

9 **(4) A DISPENSARY LICENSEE THAT OPERATES AT MORE THAN ONE**
10 **LOCATION SHALL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)**
11 **OF THIS SUBSECTION:**

12 **(I) FOR EACH LOCATION OPERATED UNDER THE LICENSE; AND**

13 **(II) IN AGGREGATE FOR ALL LOCATIONS OPERATED UNDER THE**
14 **LICENSE.**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2022.