



City of Havre de Grace

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To: Health and Government Operations

From: City of Havre de Grace

Date: February 19, 2020

Re: House Bill 331 - Public Schools - Medical Cannabis - Guidelines for Administration to Students

Position: Support

The City of Havre de Grace supports HB 331, also known as “Connors Courage.” The legislation requires state agencies to develop policies regarding the responsible administration of medical cannabis to patients enrolled in Maryland’s educational institutions.

Citizens living in the City of Havre de Grace and throughout the State of Maryland have experienced positive health benefits associated with the use of medical cannabis to treat a myriad of conditions, including Autoimmune Gastrointestinal Dysmotility. These citizens include students who are currently prohibited from using their prescribed medication on the grounds of school property.

On February 12, 2020, the Havre de Grace City Council passed Resolution 2020-01, publicly declaring a position of support for HB 331. The City believes it’s in the best interest of public policy to allow students to use medically prescribed cannabis while at school and supports the policies the legislation would create. The City of Havre de Grace is asking the committee to give HB 331 a favorable report.

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 AND 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO SUPPORT MARYLAND HB331 AND SB605 (AKA CONNOR'S COURAGE).

WHEREAS, medically prescribed cannabis has been proven effective in the treatment of myriad diseases, including- but not limited to- Autoimmune Gastrointestinal Dysmotility (AGID), and

WHEREAS, the use of such medication is excluded from the premise of educational institutions, and

WHEREAS, students attending public institutions within the City of Havre de Grace have been adversely impacted by the current prohibited use on school grounds, and

WHEREAS, specific guidelines should be established to allow students who are qualified patients to be administered medical cannabis on school property; and

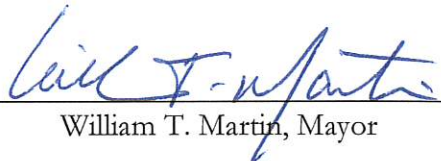
WHEREAS, HB331 and its Senate counterpart SB605 “requiring, on or before December 1, 2020, the State Department of Education and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission jointly develop guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of medical cannabis to certain students during school hours and school-sponsored after-school activities; providing for the contents of the guidelines; requiring, on or before December 1, 2020, the Department and the Commission jointly to provide certain technical assistance to schools; etc.”

NOW, THEREFORE, it is on this 12th day of February 2020, resolved and ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace, that the City recognizes the positive impact medical cannabis may have on its citizens, and supports HB331 and SB605 (Connor’s Courage):

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
HAVRE DE GRACE


Patrick D. Sypolt, Director of Administration


William T. Martin, Mayor

Introduced: February 12, 2020
Adopted: February 12, 2020