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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning	
2 3	Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Certifying Provider Applications – Medical Conditions	
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law encouraging the Natalie M. LaPrace Medical Cannabis Commission to approve certifying provider applications for certain medical conditions; making a conforming change; and generally relating to certifying provider applications and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission.	in ng
8 9 10 11 12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health – General Section 13–3304 Annotated Code of Maryland (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)	
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:	D
15	Article - Health - General	
16	13–3304.	
17	(a) The Commission shall register as a certifying provider an individual who:	
18	(1) Meets the requirements of this subtitle; and	
19 20	(2) Submits application materials that meet the requirements of th subtitle.	iis
21 22	(b) To be registered as a certifying provider, a provider shall submit a proposal the Commission that includes:	to

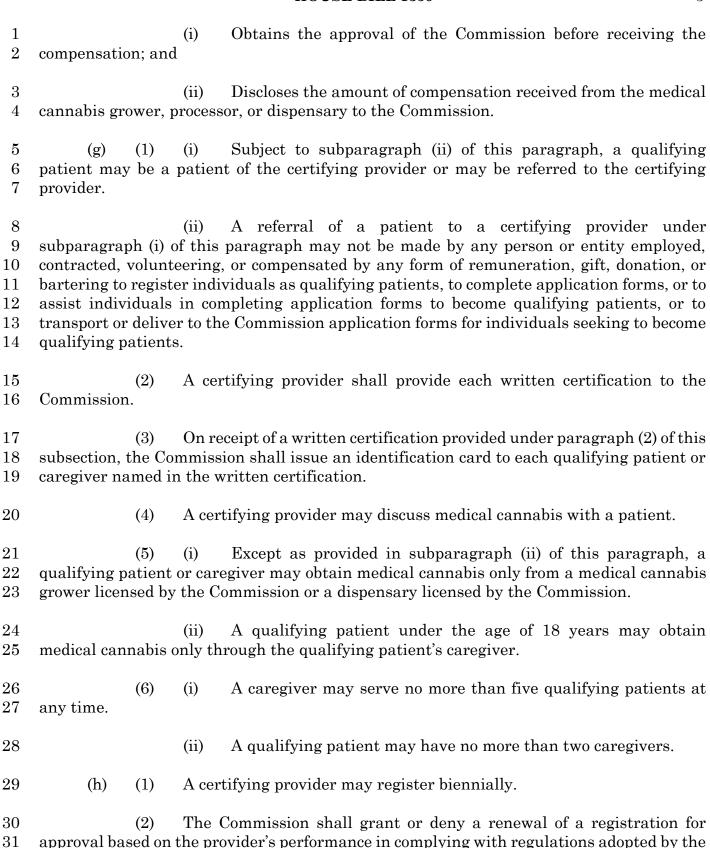


- 2 **HOUSE BILL 1359** 1 The reasons for including a patient under the care of the provider for (1) 2 the purposes of this subtitle, including the patient's qualifying medical conditions; 3 An attestation that a standard patient evaluation will be completed, including a history, a physical examination, a review of symptoms, and other pertinent 4 medical information; and 5 6 The provider's plan for the ongoing assessment and follow—up care of a (3)7 patient and for collecting and analyzing data. 8 (c) The Commission may not require an individual to meet requirements in addition to the requirements listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section to be registered 9 10 as a certifying provider. 11 (d) (1)The Commission is encouraged to approve provider applications for the 12 following medical conditions: 13 A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that results in a patient being admitted into hospice or receiving palliative care; or 14 15 (ii) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or the treatment of a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that produces: 16 17 1. Cachexia, anorexia, or wasting syndrome; 18 2. Severe or chronic pain; 19 3. Severe nausea; 20 4. Seizures; or Severe or persistent muscle spasms. 215. 22 **(2)** The Commission may not limit treatment of a particular medical 23 condition to one class of providers.
 - (e) The Commission may approve applications that include any [other] condition that is severe and for which other medical treatments have been ineffective if the symptoms reasonably can be expected to be relieved by the medical use of cannabis.

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- 27 (f) (1) A certifying provider or the spouse of a certifying provider may not receive any gifts from or have an ownership interest in a medical cannabis grower, a processor, or a dispensary.
- 30 (2) A certifying provider may receive compensation from a medical cannabis grower, a processor, or a dispensary if the certifying provider:



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019.

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