A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Licensed Dispensaries

FOR the purpose of requiring the Commission to allow a person to have an ownership interest in up to a certain number of dispensaries licensed under a certain provision of law; and generally relating to medical cannabis dispensaries.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 13–3307(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 13–3307(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 13–3307(d) through (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

13–3307.
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(a) (1) A dispensary shall be licensed by the Commission.

(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ALLOW A PERSON TO HAVE AN OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN UP TO SIX DISPENSARIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

[(d)] (E) (1) A dispensary license is valid for 6 years on initial licensure.

(2) A dispensary license is valid for 4 years on renewal.

[(e)] (F) A dispensary licensed under this section or a dispensary agent registered under § 13–3308 of this subtitle may not be penalized or arrested under State law for acquiring, possessing, processing, transferring, transporting, selling, distributing, or dispensing cannabis, products containing cannabis, related supplies, or educational materials for use by a qualifying patient or a caregiver.

[(f)] (G) The Commission shall establish requirements for security and product handling procedures that a dispensary must meet to obtain a license under this section, including a requirement for a product-tracking system.

[(g)] (H) The Commission may inspect a dispensary licensed under this section to ensure compliance with this subtitle.

[(h)] (I) The Commission may impose penalties or rescind the license of a dispensary that does not meet the standards for licensure set by the Commission.

[(i)] (J) (1) Each dispensary licensed under this section shall submit to the Commission a quarterly report.

(2) The quarterly report shall include:

(i) The number of patients served;

(ii) The county of residence of each patient served;

(iii) The medical condition for which medical cannabis was recommended;

(iv) The type and amount of medical cannabis dispensed; and

(v) If available, a summary of clinical outcomes, including adverse events and any cases of suspected diversion.

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

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