

SENATE BILL 893

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CF HB 33

By: **Senator Zirkin**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Cannabis – Provider Applications – Opioid Use Disorder**

3 FOR the purpose of encouraging the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to
4 approve provider applications for patients who have an opioid use disorder only
5 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to provider applications for
6 medical cannabis for patients with an opioid use disorder.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 13–3304(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 13–3304.

16 (d) (1) The Commission is encouraged to approve provider applications for the
17 following medical conditions:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(i) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that results in a patient being admitted into hospice or receiving palliative care; [or]

(II) AN OPIOID USE DISORDER ONLY IF:

1. THE PATIENT TRIED ALL OTHER TRADITIONAL TREATMENTS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER AND WAS UNSUCCESSFUL; OR

2. THE PATIENT WILL USE THE MEDICAL CANNABIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TRADITIONAL THERAPIES; OR

[ii] (III) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or the treatment of a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that produces:

- 1. Cachexia, anorexia, or wasting syndrome;
- 2. Severe or chronic pain;
- 3. Severe nausea;
- 4. Seizures; or
- 5. Severe or persistent muscle spasms.

(2) The Commission may not limit treatment of a particular medical condition to one class of providers.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.