

Chapter 345

(House Bill 857)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Certification of Police Officers

FOR the purpose of providing that employment by a certain business does not constitute involvement in the illegal distribution, production, cultivation, transportation, or sale of a controlled dangerous substance for purposes of police officer certification or recertification under certain circumstances; and generally relating to certification of police officers by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety

Section 3–209.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

3–209.2.

EMPLOYMENT BY A BUSINESS LICENSED AS A DISPENSARY, GROWER, OR PROCESSOR ~~BY THE NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION~~ UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 33 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE INVOLVEMENT IN THE ILLEGAL DISTRIBUTION, PRODUCTION, CULTIVATION, TRANSPORTATION, OR SALE OF A CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE FOR PURPOSES OF POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION IF:

~~(1) THE INDIVIDUAL’S EMPLOYMENT WAS NOT TERMINATED FOR ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER CONDUCT; AND~~

~~(2) THE BUSINESS WAS NOT SUBJECT TO LEGAL ACTION ARISING FROM ILLEGAL OR IMPROPER TRADE PRACTICES.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.