



## **House Bill 614: Workers' Compensation-Medical Cannabis-Compensation and Benefits**

On behalf of the Maryland Medical Dispensary Association  
House Economic Matters Committee

### **Support**

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The Maryland Medical Dispensary Association (MDMDA) was established in May, 2017 in order to promote the common interests and goals of the Medical Cannabis Dispensaries in Maryland. MDMDA advocates for laws, regulations and public policies that foster a healthy, professional and secure medical cannabis industry in the State. MDMDA works on the State and local level to advance the interest of licensed dispensaries as well as to provide a forum for the exchange of information in the Medical Cannabis Industry.

House Bill 614, if passed, would allow Maryland to join the other states whose Workers' Compensation programs cover the cost of medical cannabis for an employee receiving workers' compensation benefits. For many, medical cannabis is a highly effective treatment for many conditions, including chronic pain. In addition, it provides an alternative to women and men who need relief from accident-related pain but don't want to take opioids.

The MDMDA has been a consistent advocate of measures that support patients in the Maryland Medical Cannabis Program. For this reason, we enthusiastically support HB 614 and urge a favorable vote.