

HB1135 – Health Care Facilities – Use of Medical Cannabis

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Carrington & Associates, LLC, requests a FAVORABLE report for HB1135. This bill requires certain health care facilities to allow a qualifying patient with a certain written certification to consume medical cannabis within the health care facility if the patient is receiving certain medical care at the health care facility; and authorizing a health care facility to suspend compliance with the requirement under certain circumstances.

We would like to thank Delegate Steve Johnson and all the Co-Sponsors for bringing this important legislation forward. The General Assembly has been laser-focused in updating our laws to reflect our current understanding of cannabis as a medicinal treatment for patients. Patients in health care facilities need access to their medicine and health care professionals will be the ones to dispense their medication. This commonsense bill recognizes that reality and addresses it brilliantly. We would like to also thank all the Sponsors for the bi-partisan nature in which this bill is presented.

For the stated reasons, we ask for a FAVORABLE report on HB1135.

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