

HB0790 Delegate Buckel

Medical Cannabis - Employees in Health Care Settings Caring for Qualifying Patients

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Delegates of HGO,

What a sad state of affairs when Annapolis representation serving the Western panhandle sell out the attraction of Western Maryland's ethical behavior and clean living of the Western counties, all for the benefit of a dope-grower, as detailed in Senate testimony (and likely present for this bill). The constituents of Del. Buckel and Sen. McKay should know that they're okay with the rest of Maryland inching closer and closer to the utter state of drug-fueled chaos which my district of Baltimore City exhibits.

Since the permissive effort toward legalization in my state, Maryland and particularly the Baltimore region has seen vast changes due to use of marijuana products. Increased crime. Increased robbery and carjackings. The stench of marijuana on the roads from early in the morning to very late. Large stores we all shop in reeking after only 1 or 2 individuals exhale inside a WholeFoods or a Marshall's.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/06/health/marijuana-traffic-accidents-wellness/index.html>

Are you delegates not reading the harm this drug has caused in the past 5 years? You should be stopping harm, not trying to find more ways for the dope industry to make hospital corridors and mental health facilities (who often serve patients with - apparently - zero willpower to avoid drug use) reek of weed. Marijuana is now THE number one drug of addiction in America. It is the number TWO cause of deaths on highways. This notion of even "medical use" is in direct defiance of the U.S. Constitution and federal supremacy on such matters.

This is still a Schedule I drug; it has no proven medical benefits. Only the industry creates flawed industry pieces. Stop kidding yourselves while these people drug Marylanders for money.

Chairman Andy Harris Issues Statement In Response To Study Showing Recreational Marijuana Users Commonly Struggle With Cannabis Use Disorder August 31, 2023 Washington, D.C.

Congressman Andy Harris M.D. (MD-01), Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies released the following statement in response to the Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open (JAMA) study showing 21% of recreational cannabis users struggle with cannabis use disorder (CUD) after cannabis became legal. According to the National Health Institute, clinicians characterize cannabis use disorder as a problematic use of cannabis. Common symptoms include: 1. A persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cannabis use. 2. A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain cannabis, use cannabis, or recover from its effects. 3. Craving, or a strong desire or urge to use cannabis. According to the study, recreational cannabis users experienced a more severe form of CUD whereas the disorder was still <https://harris.house.gov/media/press-releases/chairman-harris-issues-statement-responsestudyshowing-recreational-marijuana>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0001457519310267>

Public Stench, Foul Behavior

In public, this stench serves as indicators of the products where vaping and smoking marijuana blunts occurs. Unlike decades ago, this stench is often near children now. The widespread use of marijuana places children inside vehicles and on the road at even higher risk. The health hazards which children experience would be of particular concern for most responsible adults. The White paper study attached with this testimony affirms this hazard to children which Annapolis has not yet alleviated. Each day in Maryland, children are locked into vehicle cabins and forced to inhale marijuana. In addition to the short- and long-term physical, moral, mental and social harm being imposed on children – on MERE CHILDREN - in closed areas in which marijuana is being smoked, this exposure to today's extremely high-potency THC products means that children are being forced into irresponsible, unsafe, UN-child-centric manners.

<https://studyfinds.org/legalizing-marijuana-car-accidents/>

Annapolis Democrats know that the truth is out there showing increased harm to children

These “lawmakers” wish to inflict addiction on our children before adults even know what current experts are highlighting as the harm toward children. Of course, decent parents and human beings know this. They know that there is no reason to drive and smoke marijuana other than in a dope-addict, recreational-druggy context. This attraction to recreationally killing braincells and inducing marijuana psychosis gives both secular and non-secular reasons to ban the ability to drive using drugs without serious prison time. The use of marijuana brings self-damage and damage of children's lives due to drug use.

The Catechism Condemns Drug Use for Recreational Purposes

The Catechism categorically condemns recreational drug use as sinful and harmful to the individual, noting: “The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. Clandestine production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices. They constitute direct cooperation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law”. The Catechism's pronouncement condemning recreational drug use, calls it “a scourge”, and proclaiming that there is “no room for illicit drugs, for alcohol abuse, [or] other forms of addiction ". It further points out how drug addiction is “a new form of slavery”, and those who abuse drugs have “lost their freedom.” There are serious, suicide-inducing, harmful side effects from marijuana use, especially on young users. It is also prohibited by federal law. The Church unequivocally condemns the use of drugs (including marijuana) for purely recreational purposes.

Stop spreading this drug for the sake of the dope industry. Western Maryland citizens – aim for better representation.

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