



## **Senate Bill 299: Cannabis Agents—Registration—Security Guards**

On behalf of the Maryland Wholesale Cannabis Trade Association (CANMD) and Maryland Dispensary Association (MDDA)

Senate Finance Committee

**Support**

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The Maryland Dispensary Association (MDDA) and the Maryland Wholesale Cannabis Trade Association (CANMD) appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in support of Senate Bill 299: Cannabis Agents—Registration—Security Guards. Together, our organizations represent a majority of the cannabis dispensary, processor, and grower licensees in Maryland.

Senate Bill 299 is a simple and straightforward bill. Cannabis agents who are employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency are not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is already registered with and has the same records on file with the Maryland State Police. We have consistently supported efforts that streamline processes without sacrificing safety standards. In fact, a number of years ago, we supported a similar regulatory change that allowed dispensary agents to move between dispensaries without having to get duplicative fingerprinting and background checks.

For this reason, we urge a favorable vote on Senate Bill 299.