
By: **Delegate Murphy**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Physicians - Medical Marijuana - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that it is a misdemeanor for a physician to
4 recommend to a patient the use of marijuana for medical purposes if the patient
5 is subsequently charged with the unlawful possession of marijuana; and
6 establishing certain penalties.

7 BY adding to
8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 287D
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 287D.

16 A PHYSICIAN WHO RECOMMENDS TO A PATIENT THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR
17 MEDICAL PURPOSES IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION SHALL BE
18 SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR OR A FINE OF NOT MORE
19 THAN \$1,000 OR BOTH, IF THE PATIENT IS SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH THE
20 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2001.