

SENATE BILL 1148

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By: **Senator Muse**

Introduced and read first time: March 3, 2016

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Medical Cannabis Grower**
3 **Licenses – Maximum**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum number of medical cannabis grower licenses
5 that the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may issue before a
6 certain date; and generally relating to medical cannabis grower licenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 13–3306(a)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 13–3306(a)(2)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 13–3306.

21 (a) (1) The Commission shall license medical cannabis growers that meet all
22 requirements established by the Commission to operate in the State to provide cannabis to:

23 (i) Processors licensed by the Commission under this subtitle;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) Dispensaries licensed by the Commission under this subtitle;

2 (iii) Qualifying patients and caregivers; and

3 (iv) Independent testing laboratories registered with the
4 Commission under this subtitle.

5 (2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the
6 Commission may license no more than **[15] 25** medical cannabis growers.

7 (ii) Beginning June 1, 2018, the Commission may issue the number
8 of licenses necessary to meet the demand for medical cannabis by qualifying patients and
9 caregivers issued identification cards under this subtitle in an affordable, accessible,
10 secure, and efficient manner.

11 (iii) The Commission shall establish an application review process for
12 granting medical cannabis grower licenses in which applications are reviewed, evaluated,
13 and ranked based on criteria established by the Commission.

14 (iv) The Commission may not issue more than one medical cannabis
15 grower license to each applicant.

16 (v) A grower shall pay an application fee in an amount to be
17 determined by the Commission consistent with this subtitle.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2016.