

SENATE BILL 181

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medical Cannabis – Provider Applications – Opioid Use Disorder**

3 FOR the purpose of encouraging the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to
4 approve certain patient applications for patients who have an opioid use disorder;
5 and generally relating to provider applications for medical cannabis for patients with
6 an opioid use disorder.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Health – General
9 Section 13–3304(d)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 13–3304.

16 (d) (1) The Commission is encouraged to approve provider applications for the
17 following medical conditions:

18 (i) A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that results
19 in a patient being admitted into hospice or receiving palliative care; [or]

20 **(II) AN OPIOID USE DISORDER; OR**

21 **[(ii)] (III)** A chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition or
22 the treatment of a chronic or debilitating disease or medical condition that produces:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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- 1 1. Cachexia, anorexia, or wasting syndrome;
- 2 2. Severe or chronic pain;
- 3 3. Severe nausea;
- 4 4. Seizures; or
- 5 5. Severe or persistent muscle spasms.

6 (2) The Commission may not limit treatment of a particular medical
7 condition to one class of providers.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2018.