

**HB0870/456185/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 870

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Valderrama” and substitute “Valderrama, Bagnall, Barron, Hill, Johnson, Kerr, R. Lewis, Pendergrass, Rosenberg, and K. Young”; in line 2, strike “Repeal of”; in line 3, strike “, Standard Price List, and Sales at Reduced Cost” and substitute “- Revisions”; in line 4, strike “repealing” and substitute “requiring”; in the same line, after “Cannabis” insert “Commission, rather than the Maryland Department of Health, to administer the”; in line 5, after “Fund;” insert “prohibiting the Commission from imposing certain fees during a certain period following the issuance of a license, rather than the preapproval of a license;”; in lines 5 and 6, strike “Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis”; in line 8, strike “repealing a provision of law”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 8 down through “the” in line 9; in line 9, after “Commission,” insert “rather than the Department,”; in line 10, after “program” insert “to allow certain individuals to obtain medical cannabis at a reduced cost, rather than at no cost or a reduced cost, and reimburse a licensed dispensary for certain costs”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 10 down through “changes” in line 19 and substitute “stating the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to consider certain factors in developing certain regulations; making technical changes”; and in line 21, after “repealing” insert “and reenacting, with amendments,”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 1 through line 12 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 16, strike the bracket; in line 20, strike “Department” and substitute “COMMISSION”; in line 26, strike “preapproval” and substitute “ISSUANCE”;

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in the same line, strike “the licensee for”; and in line 30, and strike “Administration” and substitute “AFFAIRS”.

On page 3, in line 8, strike “Department” and substitute “COMMISSION”; strike in their entirety lines 9 through 23, inclusive; in lines 24, 27, and 29, strike “(g)”, “(h)”, and “(i)”, respectively, and substitute “(F)”, “(G)”, and “(H)”, respectively; in line 29, strike “Department, in consultation with the”; in the same line, strike the second comma; in line 31, strike “Administration” and substitute “AFFAIRS”; and in line 32, strike “no cost or”.

On page 4, in line 5, strike “Department” and substitute “COMMISSION”; and in the same line, strike the bracket.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 4 through line 10 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, strike beginning with “Section(s)” in line 11 down through “respectively” in line 14 and substitute “:

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission, to support the Compassionate Use Fund and the program established under § 13–3301.1(h) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act:

(1) establish a fee structure that, in addition to meeting the requirements of § 13–3303.1 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, assesses fees on licensed medical cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries;

(2) in establishing a fee structure, consider the financial and administrative burden placed on medical cannabis licensees in the initial stages of

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establishing the program under § 13–3301.1(h) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act;

(3) establish procedures for assessing and collecting fees under § 13–3301.1 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

(4) provide reimbursement to licensed medical cannabis dispensaries under the program established under § 13–3301.1(h) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, in a manner that minimizes the financial and administrative burden on the Commission and the licensed medical cannabis growers, processors, and dispensaries.

(b) In developing the regulations to implement the Compassionate Use Fund and program established under § 13–3301.1(h) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Commission shall consider:

(1) measures that may be implemented to identify and deter diversion of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products;

(2) methods for assisting licensed medical cannabis dispensaries in determining the eligibility of patients; and

(3) whether § 280(e) of the Internal Revenue Code impacts any fee structure used to support or the administration of the program established under § 13–3301.1(h) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act”.