

SENATE BILL 222

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CF HB 46

By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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Senate action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council – Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Cannabis Public Health Advisory
4 Council; and generally relating to the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
6 Article – Health – General
7 Section 13–4502(a)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 13–4502(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 13–4502.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) There is a Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

2 (b) The Advisory Council consists of the following members:

3 (1) One member from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
4 of the Senate;

5 (2) One member from the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
6 the House;

7 (3) The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;

8 (4) The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's
9 designee;

10 (5) The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (6) The ~~Executive~~ Director of the [Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis
12 Commission] **MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION**, or the ~~Executive~~ Director's
13 designee;

14 (7) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
15 designee;

16 (8) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention
17 and Policy, or the Executive Director's designee; [and]

18 (9) **THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE**
19 **ADMINISTRATION, OR THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESIGNEE; AND**

20 **(10) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL EQUITY**
21 **IN THE MARYLAND CANNABIS ADMINISTRATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S**
22 **DESIGNEE; AND**

23 **(11)** The following members appointed by the Governor:

24 (i) One representative from a historically black college or
25 university;

26 (ii) One health care provider with experience in cannabis;

27 (iii) One pharmacist licensed in the State;

28 (iv) One health care provider with expertise in substance use
29 disorder treatment and recovery;

- 1 (v) One individual with expertise in cannabis use disorder;
- 2 (vi) One academic researcher with expertise in cannabis law and
3 policy;
- 4 (vii) One individual with at least 5 years of experience in health or
5 social equity;
- 6 (viii) One public health professional with cannabis experience; and
- 7 (ix) One representative of a laboratory that tests cannabis.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.