

Chapter 375

(House Bill 622)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Licensees – Dispensary Licenses, Micro Dispensary Employees, and Cannabis Agent Training Programs

FOR the purpose of extending the time period during which a holder of a certain dispensary license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; increasing the number of individuals a micro dispensary is permitted to employ; altering certain provisions relating to training requirements for certain cannabis agents; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to give priority to certain training programs when reviewing cannabis agent training programs for approval; and generally relating to cannabis licensees.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–101(a) and (d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section ~~36–401(e)(2)~~, 36–401(c)(2) and (g), 36–407(h), 36–501(f), 36–1001, and
36–1002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

36–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(d) “Cannabis agent” means an employee, a volunteer, or any other authorized person who acts for or at the direction of a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant.

36–401.

(c) (2) A micro license authorizes the holder of the license:

(i) for growers, to operate not more than 10,000 square feet of indoor canopy or its equivalent, as calculated by the Administration;

(ii) for processors, to process not more than 2,000 pounds of cannabis per year, as calculated by the Administration; and

(iii) for dispensaries, to operate a delivery service that sells cannabis or cannabis products without a physical storefront, provided that the licensee employs not more than ~~[10] 20 employees~~ **REGISTERED CANNABIS AGENTS**.

(g) Notwithstanding any provisions of this title, the holder of a dispensary license issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission who converts the license or a registrant with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may continue to deliver medical cannabis until July 1, [2026] 2027.

36-407.

(h) An on-site consumption establishment shall:

(1) require all employees to successfully complete ~~an annual [responsible vendor]~~ **A CANNABIS AGENT** training program authorized under this title:

(I) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF A NEW EMPLOYEE'S START DATE; AND

(II) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS; and

(2) ensure that the display and consumption of cannabis or cannabis products are not visible from outside of the licensed premises.

36-501.

(f) A cannabis licensee shall require each registered cannabis agent to complete ~~an annual [responsible vendor]~~ **A CANNABIS AGENT** training program authorized under this title:

(1) WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE CANNABIS AGENT'S START DATE AS AN EMPLOYEE OF OR VOLUNTEER FOR THE CANNABIS LICENSEE; AND

(2) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS.

36-1001.

(a) To offer a responsible medical or adult-use cannabis [vendor, server, and seller] **AGENT** training program, a person shall submit an application to the Administration.

(b) The Administration shall approve the application if the proposed training program meets the minimum educational standards established under subsection (c) of this section.

(c) At a minimum, a training program must:

(1) be taught in a classroom or virtual setting for at least a 2-hour period;

(2) establish program standards, including certification and recertification requirements, record keeping, testing and assessment protocols, and effectiveness evaluations; and

(3) provide a core curriculum of relevant statutory and regulatory provisions **AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION**, which shall include:

(i) [information on required licenses, age requirements, patient registry cards issued by the Administration, maintenance of records, privacy issues, and unlawful acts;

(ii)] administrative and criminal liability and license and court sanctions;

[(iii)] **(II)** statutory and regulatory requirements for employees and owners;

[(iv)] statutory and regulatory requirements related to cannabis sale, transfer, and delivery;

(v) acceptable forms of identification, including patient and caregiver identification cards;]

[(vi)] **(III)** State and local licensing and enforcement; and

[(vii)] information on serving size, THC and cannabinoid potency, and impairment]

(IV) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS RELEVANT TO EACH LICENSE TYPE.

(D) IN REVIEWING APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CANNABIS AGENT TRAINING PROGRAMS, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO APPLICATIONS FOR PROGRAMS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AS RESPONSIBLE VENDOR TRAINING PROGRAMS.

36–1002.

The Administration shall adopt regulations establishing the [responsible vendor] **CANNABIS AGENT** training program and the minimum standards for the program.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.