

HOUSE BILL 622

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By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland Cannabis Administration)**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of extending the time period during which a holder of a certain dispensary
5 license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; increasing the number of
6 individuals a micro dispensary is permitted to employ; altering certain provisions
7 relating to training requirements for certain cannabis agents; and generally relating
8 to cannabis licensees.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 36–101(a) and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section ~~36–401(e)(2)~~, 36–401(c)(2) and (g), 36–407(h), 36–501(f), 36–1001, and
17 36–1002
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

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 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

2 36–101.

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

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

6 36–401.

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

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

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

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

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

19 36–407.

20 (h) An on–site consumption establishment shall:

21 (1) require all employees to successfully complete ~~an annual [responsible~~
22 ~~vendor]~~ **A CANNABIS AGENT** training program authorized under this title **AT LEAST ONCE**
23 **EVERY 2 YEARS**; and

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

26 36–501.

27 (f) A cannabis licensee shall require each registered cannabis agent to complete
28 ~~an annual [responsible vendor]~~ **A CANNABIS AGENT** training program authorized under
29 this title **AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS**.

1 36-1001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 36-1002.

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.