

HOUSE BILL 622

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ENROLLED BILL

— Economic Matters/Finance —

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

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

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; requiring the
8 Maryland Cannabis Administration to give priority to certain training programs
9 when reviewing cannabis agent training programs for approval; and generally
10 relating to cannabis licensees.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 36–101(a) and (d)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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4 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
5 Section ~~36-401(e)(2)~~, 36-401(c)(2) and (g), 36-407(h), 36-501(f), 36-1001, and
6 36-1002
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

12 36-101.

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

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

16 36-401.

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

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

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

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

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

29 36-407.

30 (h) An on-site consumption establishment shall:

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

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

4 **(II) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS;** and

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

7 36-501.

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

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

13 **(2) AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 2 YEARS.**

14 36-1001.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (ii) administrative and criminal liability and license and court
2 sanctions;

3 [(iii) (II) statutory and regulatory requirements for employees and
4 owners;

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

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

9 [(vi) (III) State and local licensing and enforcement; and

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

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

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

18 36-1002.

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

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.