



Board of Physicians

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2020 SESSION POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: SB 304 – Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission –
Certifying Providers
COMMITTEE: Senate Finance
POSITION: Support With Amendments

TITLE: Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Certifying
Providers

BILL ANALYSIS: SB 304 allows licensed physician assistants operating under an active delegation agreement with a certifying provider to become a certifying provider.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The Maryland Board of Physicians (Board) supports SB 304, but suggests one amendment under §13-3301 of the Health General Article.

Rationale: Physician assistants in Maryland operate within a delegation agreement with a primary supervising physician. This delegation agreement is kept on file with the Board, and the primary supervising physician and core duties are listed on the Board’s public practitioner profile. If the primary supervising physician is not present, he or she may designate one or more alternate supervising physicians to provide supervision in accordance with the delegation agreement. An alternate supervising physician may not delegate duties to a physician assistant that are outside the scope of the primary delegation agreement, and alternate supervising physicians are not listed on the practitioner profile.

The Board believes that this change will provide clarity regarding who may apply as a certifying provider.

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

On Page 2, in line 23, after “A” insert “PRIMARY SUPERVISING”.

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