



Maryland Association for Justice, Inc.

2021 Position Paper

SB 461

Workers' Compensation - Medical Cannabis - Compensation and Benefits

FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Association for Justice, Inc. (MAJ) represents over 1,200 trial attorneys throughout the state of Maryland. MAJ advocates for the preservation of the civil justice system and the protection of the rights of consumers. A portion of MAJ members represent individuals harmed due to work related injury or illness before the Maryland State Workers' Compensation Commission.

MAJ supports SB 461; however, MAJ would offer a clarifying amendment to the bill based on opposition testimony from insurers that was heard on the House Bill cross-file of this legislation.

Proposed Amendment:

In Section 9-660 (a)(3) beginning on PAGE 2; LINE 26 of the bill,

Include the following language: **“and reimbursement of a covered employee for medical cannabis purchased by the covered employ in accordance with Maryland law.”**

Amended Language of Section 9-660 (a)(3) would read as follows:

(3) medicine, **INCLUDING MEDICAL CANNABIS** and reimbursement of a covered employee for medical cannabis purchased by the covered employee in accordance with Maryland law;

MAJ respectfully suggests this clarifying amendment to SB 461